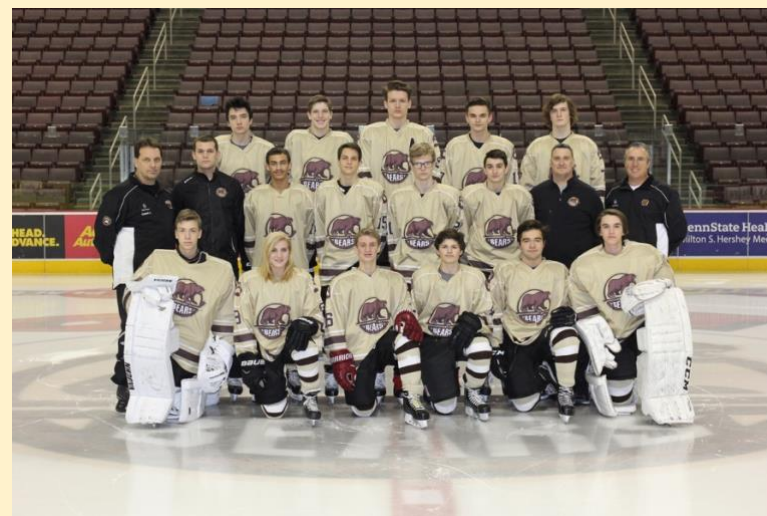




Hershey Jr Bears House League Non & Limited Travel Program Guide 2019 – 2020



Welcome Hershey Jr. Bear Fans!

I encourage you to join us for the 2019 - 2020 hockey season! If your child is interested in learning to play ice hockey for the first time, a returning player or interested in playing at the next level, we have a spot for you! We welcome and invite you to "Be A Bear"!

Our Youth Hockey Program is registered with USA Hockey and the Delaware Valley Hockey League. We offer programs for a wide variety of ages, playing levels, for both boys and girls!

- Learn-to-Play and Learn-to-Skate/ Bear Bites (Ages 4-6 years old)
- Mites (7-8 years old)
- Squirts (9-10 years old)
- Peewees (11-12 years old)
- Bantams (13-14 years old)
- Midgets (15-18 years old)
- Girls (10U/8U, 12U, 14U and 19U)

This brochure provides valuable information regarding the different levels and be sure to visit our website for registration information, updates and all sorts of interesting information!

Players, coaches and managers are required to register with USA Hockey at www.usahockey.com. Registration with the Hershey Jr. Bears can be done through our web site at www.hersheyjrbears.org

The Board of Directors would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who help make our hockey program a success year after year. Without their support it would be impossible to experience the outstanding achievements we have as a team and as an organization.

Ice Hockey is an exciting sport, and our program strives to play the game with confidence and sportsmanship!

Let's Go Bears!

Yours in hockey,

Linda Umberger

Linda Umberger, President
Hershey Jr. Bears



HERSHEY JR. BEARS

House League Mission Statement

In our developmental league, clinics and programs, the Hershey Jr. Bears strive to provide equal opportunity for skill development and ice time for all interested and active participants.

BEAR BITES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Hershey Jr. Bear “Bites” Hockey Program is a non-travel hockey program designed for players FOUR, FIVE and SIX years of age.

The purpose of this program is to introduce younger players to ice hockey by teaching the FUNDamentals needed to advance into the Hershey Jr. Bears HOUSE program

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY:

The philosophy of the Hershey Jr. Bear “Bites” Program is SIMPLE:

“Players will have FUN, while learning the FUNDamentals of ice hockey in a relaxed, educational and motivating manner.”

The Bear Bites Program will encourage and promote a FUN environment with Coaches who **DO NOT FOCUS ON WINNING**. By focusing on the FUNDamentals of ice hockey, participants will be introduced to ice hockey in a group setting **with an excellent Player to Coach ratio**

This is a 15 week program that will start at the end of October and run through March. Upon completing registration, you will be notified mid-October by e-mail of the official kick-off date. Information will also be posted on our website at hersheyjrbears.org

The Bear Bite session will be held on most Wednesday evenings at HersheyPark Arena or Giant Center with a start time between 6:15 and 6:45PM.

Cost for this program is **\$150.00 which includes fundraising.**

All PARTICIPANTS are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate and to register with USA HOCKEY. USA Hockey registration is required prior to registering for our house program as you will need your official USA Hockey registration number to complete registration. How to register with USA Hockey is included at the end of this brochure.

HOUSE LEAGUE

A Partnership with Harrisburg, Lancaster, Sunbury and York associations:

For all age groups, *(with the exception of Bear Bites)* it is our intention that a limited number of games will be played against house teams representing Harrisburg, Lancaster, Sunbury and York area clubs.

Mite (2011 & younger), Squirt (2009 - 2010): Each participant will receive approximately 32 ice slots (approximately 14 games/18 practices). Mite games will be played half/cross ice and Squirt games will be played full ice. Practices will be shared with other teams. Dates and times will be determined.

Pewee (2007-2008), Bantam (2005-2006) and High School (2001- 2004): Each participant will receive approximately 32 ice slots (approximately 14 games/18 practices). Practices will be shared with other teams. Dates and times will be determined.

Cost for program is **\$375.00 which includes fundraising.**

LOCATIONS AND DAYS

Games and Practices will be held mostly on Monday and Wednesday evenings at HersheyPark Arena and/or Giant Center. Practices on Tuesday evenings will be held at Twin Ponds East. Games and additional practices will also be scheduled on the weekends. Most games will be held in HersheyPark Arena and GIANT Center, with the exception of the few that will be held at Lancaster, York, Milton Hershey and Harrisburg facilities.

Game and Practice schedules will be posted on our website after draft night at www.hersheyjrbears.org and will begin around the 30th of September.

Registration for the upcoming season can be done through our website **starting on August 7, 2019.**

Registrations are due by September 9th.

For any questions, please feel free to contact the Hershey Jr. Bears office at 717-534-3819 or email the following individuals:

Jesse Freeman – jfreeman@hersheyjrbears.org

Brad Kiscadden – bkiscadden@hersheyjrbears.org

Kym Hamilton (Bear Bites) – khamilton@hersheyjrbears.org

DRAFT NIGHT

The object for draft night is to equally divide our teams by skill. This keeps the teams as even as possible. When arriving for draft night, please enter Hershey Entertainment complex by going thru the ticket booths and continuing around to the front of HersheyPark Arena. Park in front of the building and enter through the door that states "Box office #4". When entering HersheyPark Arena, proceed downstairs and in between the players' benches, there will be a registration table for sign-ins and we will also hand out numbered pinneys to every player so that they can be evaluated.

After draft night is completed, teams will be compiled and put up on our website by Wednesday September 25th. Times and Dates of practices will be available at that time. Practices will begin the week of September 30th.

Jr Bears Board Members will be on hand to help answer any questions you may have.

Draft night will be held at **HersheyPark Arena**

Draft Night Date: CHANGED! TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

5:45 – 6:30PM – Mites

6:45 – 7:30PM – Squirts & Peewees

7:45 – 8:30PM – Bantam & High School

House \$375.00

Bear Bites \$150.00

	<u>Bear Bites</u>	<u>Mites</u>	<u>Squirts</u>	<u>PeeWee</u>	<u>Bantam</u>	<u>High School</u>
Birth Years	2013-2015	2011-2013	2009-2010	2007-2008	2005-2006	2001-2004

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR HOUSE ONLY

This season, at the time of registration thru our website, you will have the option to choose a payment plan or to pay in full. The payment option is \$75 at registration along with monthly payments of \$75 that will be billed to your credit card or bank account on the 1st of every month starting in October and through January.

FUND RAISING

This Year, the Skate-A-Thon is built into your House and Bear Bites fees. Information will be distributed to everyone during the season on the structure of the event. This fundraiser is not a requirement. You will have the opportunity to raise money to help offset your fees as well as earning some sweet prizes! We do encourage everyone to participate in this event. The Skate-A-Thon will be held on **January 20, 2020**. This is an event held annually for our participants to raise pledges for skating a total of 200 laps.

USA HOCKEY INFO

It is **required** that all program participants register with USA Hockey.

Online registration for the 2019-2020 season is now available.

Please follow the step by step guide to Online Registration:

1. Go to www.usahockey.com and click on the “register, online” button.
2. Choose member type Ice Player or Coach.
3. You must be 18 years of age to process a registration. Check the box that acknowledges that YOU are 18 or older.
4. Select the correct season 2019-2020
5. Follow the prompts and be sure to fill in all data correctly.
6. Process payment – Visa, Master Card, Discover or American Express (credit or debit card). A Visa gift card will also work
7. You may print your Confirmation page at this time. It will also be emailed to you immediately after the registration is completed.
8. Once you have received your confirmation email, please forward it to Lori Rich at lrich@hersheyrbears.org or bring it along on draft night to be handed in at the registration table.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 717-534-3819.

COACHING

Individuals interested in coaching should please email Jesse Freeman at JFreeman@hersheyrbears.org and state the age level you’re interested in coaching.

USA Hockey Coaching Information

USA Hockey Coaches Clinics & Age Specific Modules

<http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/892976-coaching-clinics>

<http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/892966-age-specific-modules> available ~
September 1

Online Safesport Training for all Coaches and Team Managers and others with regular contact with players:

<http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/908023-usa-hockey-safesport-program>