

Here's what you should know (Mites/8U)



Hockey Season

- Fergus Falls Community Arena has ice by the second week of October.
- Mite Regular Season is November through March.

Season Outlines and what to expect for each level

6U/Otter Mite/Gopher Mite

- Utilize Learn to Skate/ Learn to Play as a transition program for new participants. The program should be low cost/ low time commitment
- 8-10 skaters per team, teams composed of like skill ability
- Station-based practices should contain multiple teams to maximize ice time; there should be 8-10 skaters of like ability per station
- No goaltenders in practice or on game days for Otter level
- 2 on-ice sessions per week; 50-60-minute sessions
- All in-house game days should be played cross-ice (3v3 or 4v4 based on number of kids); all game/ jamborees should be cross-ice
- 1 off- ice session per week (30 minutes possibly done right after short ice session)
- Use Blue Pucks
- Gophers may be offered the opportunity to attend an optional jamboree
- Opportunity to be an "Otter Buddy" at the start of a High School hockey game.
- Opportunity to play between periods of a High School Hockey game.
- Participate in "Super Sunday" at the end of the season (Televised Scrimmage).

8U/Wild Mite/Olympic Mite

- 10-12 skaters per team, no full-time goaltenders, teams of like skill ability
- No full-time goal tenders in practice, give all players the opportunity to play goaltender for games
- 2-3 on-ice sessions per week including practices and games, 50-60-minute ice sessions
- 12 to 14 cross/ half ice games (in house) and 28-36 practices, 2-3 optional jamborees, and up to 6 additional games with other associations
- Players grouped in practice and in games by like ability
- 1 off-ice session per week (30-40 minutes possibly done right after short ice session)
- Use Blue Pucks
- Opportunity to be an "Otter Buddy" at the start of a High School hockey game.
- Opportunity to play between periods of a High School Hockey game.
- Participate in "Super Sunday" at the end of the season (Televised Scrimmage).

Parent Meeting's

- There could be other parent meetings requested during the season such as travel team parent meetings or other important information meetings. Parents will be notified prior to any meetings.

Fundraising

- Each skater will be responsible for selling twenty \$10 raffle tickets for a cash raffle.
- Due to lawful gaming rules, raffle stubs **must be turned in by date stated on raffle tickets.**

Volunteer Policy/ Concessions

There are many opportunities for volunteering in the association through coaching, team managing, being on a committee, helping with events, etc. Emails periodically are sent out asking for volunteers, please help when you are able. Without parent volunteers, FFHA would not be able to be as successful. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to us.

Fergus Falls Hockey Association Concession Stand Guidelines

The concession stand at the Fergus Falls Community Arena is operated by the Fergus Falls Hockey Association (FFHA) during the hockey season, staffed by volunteers. This initiative serves as a significant fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the FFHA to help keep registration costs down.

Each family is requested to volunteer 15 hours per skater, with a maximum of 30 hours per family. If you prefer not to fulfill your volunteer hours, you have the option to donate the equivalent value. The donation amount is \$300 per child, with no maximum limit. Please note that these funds will be used to pay others to work outside of the volunteered hours.

The concession stand operates from mid-October through late March. FFHA uses the Dibs tool through SportsEngine to manage sign-up and tracking of concession hours. We recommend not waiting until the end of the season to complete your hours.

Important Updates:

After November 30th, if you choose not to fulfill your required hours and wish to donate instead, the donation fee will increase to \$500 per child, with no maximum limit.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

If you sign up to volunteer in the concession stand and cannot work your shift, it is your responsibility to find a dependable replacement.

Please be considerate and avoid canceling at the last minute, as finding a replacement can be challenging.

Age Requirements (per MN Department of Health regulations):

15 years of age to work with a parent

16 years of age to work without a parent

18 years of age to work during a high school hockey game – No Exceptions!

SEE YOU AT THE RINK!