



WELCOME TO RR MINI-MITES

A quick-start guide for Rock Ridge families

WELCOME TO THE 2026-27 SEASON!

We are excited to have your family with Rock Ridge Youth Hockey. This guide covers the basics you will need to get started, stay connected, and get your Mini-Mite ready for the ice.

TEAMREACH - OUR COMMUNICATION HUB

GROUP NAME RR Mini-Mites 26/27

GROUP CODE **RRMiniMites2627**

Main hub for messages, practice updates, schedule changes, volunteer information, and announcements.

WHERE DO WE PRACTICE?

Hippodrome - Eveleth (The Hipp)
Iron Trail Motors Event Center - Virginia (ITMEC)
Gilbert rink (The Bubble)

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT?

Mini-Mites practice as a large group with games and stations. The focus is learning, movement, confidence, and FUN!

PLAY • LEARN • BELONG • GROW • TOGETHER

New to hockey? You are in the right place. We will help you get started.



GETTING READY FOR THE ICE

Equipment checklist

RRYHA EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

If you received equipment through our Equipment Program, your issued gear includes:

PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM

- ☐ Equipment bag
- ☐ Helmet
- ☐ Shoulder pads
- ☐ Elbow pads
- ☐ Breezers
- ☐ Shin guards

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- ☐ Skates
- ☐ Hockey stick
- ☐ Neck guard
- ☐ Hockey groin/pelvic protector (shorts or pants)
- ☐ Practice jersey
- ☐ Practice socks
- ☐ Tethered/colored mouthguard
- ☐ Water bottle

RINK-READY TIP

Label gear with your player's name, bring a filled water bottle, and allow extra time to get dressed. If you are unsure whether something fits correctly, ask a coach or equipment volunteer for help.



NEED MORE EQUIPMENT?

Places many Rock Ridge families shop

1

Power Play Sports - Virginia

New and used equipment

2

Range Sports - Hibbing

Primarily new equipment, plus a large selection of used skates

3

Sideline Swap - Online

Online marketplace for gently used hockey gear

4

Play It Again Sports - Duluth

New and used equipment

5

Pure Hockey - Duluth

Wide selection of new hockey equipment

A FEW EQUIPMENT REMINDERS

A neck guard, hockey groin/pelvic protection, and a tethered/colored mouthguard are part of the items your player needs for the ice. Practice jerseys and socks are also needed.



MINI-MITE QUICK FAQ

Schedules, games, volunteering, and help

How will I know the practice schedule?

We try to keep a weekly practice schedule, but rink locations and times can vary. Updates will be shared in TeamReach and reflected in Crossbar.

How do I contact a coach?

TeamReach is the best place to communicate with coaches and receive group updates.

When are games?

Local scrimmages begin in December, with tournament weekends after the new year.

How do I fulfill volunteer requirements?

Volunteer opportunities and shifts will be communicated during the season. Coaching and team-management roles are also ways families can help.

NEED HELP? JUST ASK.

Rock Ridge is one big hockey family - and many seasoned parents are here to help.

Think of it like the Room of Requirement: ask, and chances are someone has what you need - an answer, a tip, an extra hand, or someone who has been through the exact same thing.

You can reach out to:

- Your Coach or the Mini-Mite Level Coordinator, Logan Koskela: logankoskela027@gmail.com
- Youth Hockey Director, Tim Christenson: t.christensonrrgyhd@gmail.com
- Volunteer Coordinator, Hillary Nelson: rrhavolunteers@gmail.com
- Vice President, Anita Beckman (also a Mini-Mite parent): rrya.abeckman@gmail.com

Don't be afraid to ask. At one point, we have all been there. Not everyone grew up in hockey, and it is a learning experience for players and parents alike. We are happy to help!