MITE PARENT MEETING

SYHA 2026 - 2027

OCTOBER 11, 2026

AGENDA

Introductions
- Meet the Mite Team
- Meet the Board
- Hockey Development Committee

Let's Play Hockey
- D6 Rules
- Required equipment
- Practices, Scrimmages & Jamborees
- Registration update
- Important Dates
- Team recognition & Flag Bearers

Fundraising & Volunteering
- DIBS
- Fundraising
- Supporting SYHA in the community

SYHA Events

Q&A

INTRODUCTIONS

MITE CONTACTS

Off Ice Coordinators (mite-coordinator@shakopeehockey.com)
- Cece Backman
- Amanda Ungs

On Ice Coordinators
- Phil Lundberg
- Mitch Benson

Board Liaisons
- Vanessa Breimhorst
- Alicia Waits

Mite information page

2026 – 27 BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

- Dan Myers: President
- Jared Osentowski: Vice President
- Justin Kimpling: Treasurer
- Erik Peterson: Secretary

Board Members:

- Jared Osentowski (Year 1)
- Dan Myers (Year 1)
- Justin Kimpling (Year 1)
- Dan Woodall (Year 2)
- Alicia Waits (Year 2)
- Erik Peterson (Year 3)
- Vanessa Breimhorst (Year 3)
- Curt Zins (Year 3)

BUILT BY SHAKOPEE: OUR HOME



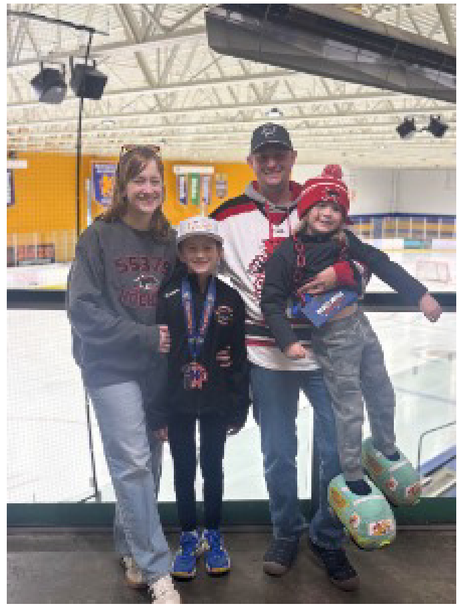
Jared Osentowski



Dan Woodall



Curt Zins



Alicia Waits



Erik Peterson



Vanessa Breimhorst



Justin Kimpling

Regular folks, just doing their best.

DAN MYERS - PRESIDENT

SHAKOPEE IS HOME. NOW AND FOREVER.

I'm often asked what I think about certain things that have happened within our program. And my answer is often the same: "I don't know."

- Re-litigating the past is often irrelevant to the present or the future.
- I don't have old scores to settle.
- I don't deal in the rumor mill.
- Don't bring a problem without bringing a solution.
- I'm not hard to find



ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Board is responsible for overseeing the overall business and operations of the Association.

The Board:

- Is made up of members elected by the Association. Board members serve 3-year terms.
- Creates and manages the Association's budget and finances, including monthly financial reports and reconciling the budget with ice costs at the end of the season.
- Handles member concerns, grievances, and discipline when needed.
- Oversees the Association's gambling activities and related funding.
- Manages communication and public relations with Association members, rink staff, and the community.
- Helps with recruiting and retaining players, coaches, and volunteers.
- Oversees fundraising efforts.
- Ensures the Association follows SafeSport requirements.
- Develops and manages sponsorships.
- Provides leadership and support for volunteers, committees, and other key Association activities.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (HDC)

- A Board-approved committee responsible for Hockey Operations, which includes:
  - Athlete skill development
  - Coaching selection and education – recruitment and development of coaches throughout the season and ongoing year-to-year
  - Design and execution of the tryout process
  - Developing and implementing programs for players and coaches at all levels to develop athletes and continually improve the quality of hockey in Shakopee

ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU Volunteers for all that you do!
Volunteers are vital to the success of our Association. Without the selfless dedication of our volunteers, we would not be able to run our programs

- Registrar – Kristine McGuire
- Apparel Committee – Kayla Woodall, Christy Schmelz, Sarah Kavanaugh
- Golf Tournament – Jess Violette, Joleen Mohlin
- Concessions – Chris Johnson, Jesse Thomas, Jessica Lengkeek, Brian Marnholz, Andrea Thompson
- Gambling – Scott Reed
- SKATE Committee – Shana Meyers, Amanda Ungs
- Social Media – Gabby Grahek
- Travel Manager Coordinator – Rachel Hagaman
- Dibs Coordinator – Jenny Kaufhold
- Webmaster – Steph Kneissel

If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to president@shakopeehockey.com

HOME ICE ADVANTAGE: WE ARE SHAKOPEE

Inside Shakopee Ice Arena, and when players are representing a Shakopee Youth Hockey Association team, the expectation is that players will be wearing Shakopee equipment.

- No gloves or jerseys from club hockey teams or from other associations are acceptable
- Players will be given one warning before a coach can ask them to leave the ice if non-compliant

You (parents) are encouraged to wear your Saber gear every time you come to the rink. Not required but encouraged.

- Let everyone know WHO we are and WHERE we are
- Home-ice advantage AT ALL TIMES
- Community and team pride

When you wear our logo, you are an ambassador of EVERYTHING it represents.

- That includes our association, our city and our community at large – past, present and future
- Don’t be a knucklehead. Poor behavior by our fans will be dealt with swiftly and aggressively

LET'S PLAY HOCKEY

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Certified Helmet with facemask/cage
- Mouth guard – Tethered
- Neck guard – MUST WEAR WHEN ON THE ICE AT ALL TIMES!
- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Gloves
- Breezers/hockey pants
- Pelvic protection (most have Velcro for socks)
- Shin guards
- Hockey socks and jerseys

- Skates
- Stick

= Items provided to you

Please put your child's name on their helmet to help coaches identify who is who

D6 RULES

- Shakopee hockey is part of Minnesota's 6th district for Youth Hockey, D6 covers the south and west metro area
- D6 is our governing body and is responsible for rule enforcement of Minnesota and USA Hockey to all participating associations
- Rules for Mite Hockey:
  - Mouth guards and neck protection must be worn at all times on the ice
  - Lower mite scrimmages/games must be played cross or half ice
  - Upper mite scrimmages/games must be played cross/half ice prior to January 1st
    - After Jan 1st upper mites are allowed to play up to 10 full ice games
  - No scorekeeping, no stoppage time
  - All mites play with intermediate nets

PRACTICES

All practices are one hour in length and held at the Shakopee Ice Arena. Locker Room assignments are posted on the video monitors outside the entrance to the rinks.

Rookie Mites:

Season: January- March, 2 practices per weekend

- Optional preseason skates November – mid December, one hour per weekend

M1 & M2:

Season: Late October March, two practices per weekend and one weeknight later in season

Upper Mites:
Season: Mid October – March, two – three practices per week

SCRIMMAGES

- Lower Mites scrimmages will always be half or 1/3 ice, there is no full ice play allowed
- Upper Mites scrimmages prior to January 1st will be half ice, after January 1 each team is allotted up to 10 full ice scrimmages (in house scrimmages do count towards the 10)
- Intermediate nets ONLY, No goalies at M1 or rookies
- Shifts are 60-90 seconds; the buzzer will sound to signal shift change. Each period is running time. At least 1 coach from each time will be on the ice with their team.
- There is ABSOLUTELY NO SCOREKEEPING

JAMBOREES

- All Shakopee teams M2 and above participate in the Saber Showdown
  - December 26 – 28, 2026, 3 game guarantee
- Teams M2 and above will likely attend the Elk River Mite Jamboree
  - March 5-7th, 3 game guarantee
- All Shakopee teams will participate in the year end Skate Spectacular
  - March 13-14, in house scrimmages and other skating games



REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Level	Players
Rookies	21
Mite 1	23
Mite 2	24
Upper Mite Boys	20
Upper Mite Girls	14
Total Skaters	102

- Rookies, M1 and M2 have been rostered to high level teams
  - Final Team rosters for M1 & M2 will be completed in early December

IMPORTANT DATES

- Upper Mite practices start 10/17
- Lower Mite practices start 10/24
- Rookie Fall session start: 11/7
- Lower Mite teams will be rostered by 12/1
- Picture Night 12/2
- Saber Showdown 12/26 – 12/28
- Elk River Mite Jamboree 3/5-3/7
- Year End Skate Spectacular 3/14- 3/15

Mite information page

YOUTH NIGHT

- The girls & boys varsity teams will be hosting youth nights, where SYHA and SPL players will be recognized

- Youth night planning is still in the works, but we are looking to include the following:
  - Youth teams announced between periods
  - Tour the varsity locker rooms
  - Sign with the Sabers after the games
  - Treats & raffle prizes

- Tentative dates:
  - Girls vs Prior Lake 1/26/27
  - Boys vs Eastview 2/6/27





FLAG BEARERS

- At High School home games for both boys and girls, youth players carry flags onto the ice prior to the players entering the ice
- The flag bearers enter the ice carrying the flag from the home team entry tunnel, skate behind the home net, and to center ice
- Players then stand at center ice while the team enters the ice and the national anthem is played



Changes for the 2026/27 Season:

- Players will sign up for a game spot in Crossbar (like DIBS)
- Upper mites are given priority, and players can sign up for ONE game.
  - If there are spots left, lower mites will be invited to sign up
- Players who need to cancel within 48 hours of a game must contact the Mite Coordinators to find a replacement
- Prior to the assigned game, parents will receive an email from the Mite Coordinators with additional details

DIBS/VOLUNTEERING

- ”Dibs” is the term that we use for mandatory volunteer hours that need to be completed by each family each year (examples include but not limited to: working the concession stand, helping with Try Hockey For Free, fundraiser pickup, etc.)
- At the start of the season, every family needs to have a card on file in Crossbar, which we will charge if Dibs hours are not completed by the end of the season. $1000
- If Dibs are completed by the end of the season, and you are in good financial standing with the Association, your card will not be charged
- Dibs fill up fast so sign up quickly when new hours are posted (you will receive an email when they are posted)
- Dibs per family (18hrs), for new Mite families with their only player at this level (9hrs), for scholarship families (36hrs)

MITE TEAM MANAGERS

All Mite Teams need a manager!

- USA Hockey registration and Safe Sport certification is required; this is a 90-minute time investment for initial certification and can be broken up and progress will not be lost through the program. A background check will also need to be completed.
- For more information on Safe Sport please visit the Safe Sport Information page.
- Scan the QR to visit our Manager Information Page and Register
- Team Managers are credited 9 Dibs hours

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is vital to the success of our Association to reduce the cost of hockey

- What: Each player must sell at least $130 worth of fundraising products (max of $260 per family)
- When: Sales occur during the month of November, all orders are due the last week of Nov. final due date will be sent out shortly. Turn in packets at the concessions stand at the rink. Final pick-up date TBD in early December, pick up is in the lower lot of the rink/community center. Final details and logistics will be sent out prior to pick up.
- Payment: Payment(s) should be turned in with your order packet. If you do not submit payment, you will be billed through crossbar and will incur a processing fee. You will NOT receive your orders if payment is not received prior to pick up.
- Prizes/Swag:
  - 20 -29 pizzas sold = Free Tshirt
  - 30 + pizzas sold = Free Sweatshirt
    - Prize is for either shirt or sweatshirt, not for both. Valley Sports will open a Pizza Fundraiser Shop on their website and families who are eligible will receive a discount code for their t-shirt or sweatshirt. You may also purchase gear from this shop, if desired.

Pricing:
$13 regardless of type/flavor

You must have freezer room! We will not be able to hold any products for anyone.

Top Sellers
- 1st place $250 gift card
- 2nd place $150 gift card
- 3rd place $75 gift card

7th Avenue Pizza

SHAKOPEE HOCKEY

SUPPORTING SYHA IN THE COMMUNITY

Pull Tabs
- Shakopee Bowl
- Tin Shed
- Turtle's Bar and Grille
- Buffalo Tap in Savage
- Golf Garage
- Shakopee Brewhall
- Don Ramons

SYHA Golf Tournament (September)

Donations

Sponsorship opportunities available:
Rink dashers, jersey sponsorships, tournaments, apparel

SABER NIGHT WITH THE WILD

Shakopee Hockey Families are invited to attend a MN Wild hockey game together as an Association.

Friday, November 6
vs San Jose Sharks
7 p.m.

Blue Line Buddies & scrimmage players – wear your 2025/26 Jersey

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & FEEDBACK

- Reach out to the Mite Coordinators
- Reach out to a Board Member
- Attend a board meeting
  - First Wednesday of the Month at 6pm, check website for location