



MITE PARENT MEETING

SYHA 2025-2026

OCTOBER 26, 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 Coordinator

- Mitch Benson

Board Liaisons

- Vanessa Breimhorst
- Alicia Waits



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2025 – 26 BOARD MEMBERS

President

Chris Johnson

Vice President

Jon Radmacher

Treasurer

Jenn Holzer

Secretary

Erik Peterson

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Try Hockey For Free

Vanessa Breimhorst

Mite Liaison, Try Hockey For Free, Scott County Fair

Alicia Waits

Mite Liaison, Saber Sniper Club

Dan Woodall

Travel Tournament Director

Becky Benson

In House Tournament Director, Scott County Fair, Little Wild

Curt Zins

Coaching & Safe Sport Coordinator



ROLE OF THE BOARD

- Comprised of Association–elected members elected for a 3–year term
- Responsible for **Business Operations** for the Association
 - Preparation of budgets, reconciliation of budgets to ice bills at end of season and monthly financials
 - Discipline or member grievances
 - Gambling efforts and funding
 - Public relations with the Association, rink personnel and community
 - Recruitment, retention
 - Fundraising
 - SafeSport compliance
 - Sponsorships
 - Leadership of Volunteers, key committees, etc



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 (Team Genius)
 - 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

- Apparel Committee – Laura Moon and Megan Menden
- Golf Tournament – Jess Violette, Chris Schmieg
- Concessions – Chris Johnson, Jesse Thomas, Wendy Raymaker, Jenny Lorenz, Ali Hemphill, Angie Ponce
- SKATE Committee – Shana Meyers
- Social Media – Tina Johnson – www.socialmedia@shakopeehockey.com
- Fundraising – All
- Sponsorships – All
- Travel Manager Coordinator – Jackie Grumish
- Dibs Coordinator – Jenny Kaufhold

THESE ARE A FEW BUT NOT ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM.

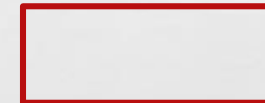


LET'S PLAY HOCKEY



REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Certified Helmet with facemask/cage
- Mouth guard (thanks Veil & Wild!) – 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: November– March, two practices per weekend and one weeknight later in season

Upper Mites:

Season: October – March, two – three practices per week



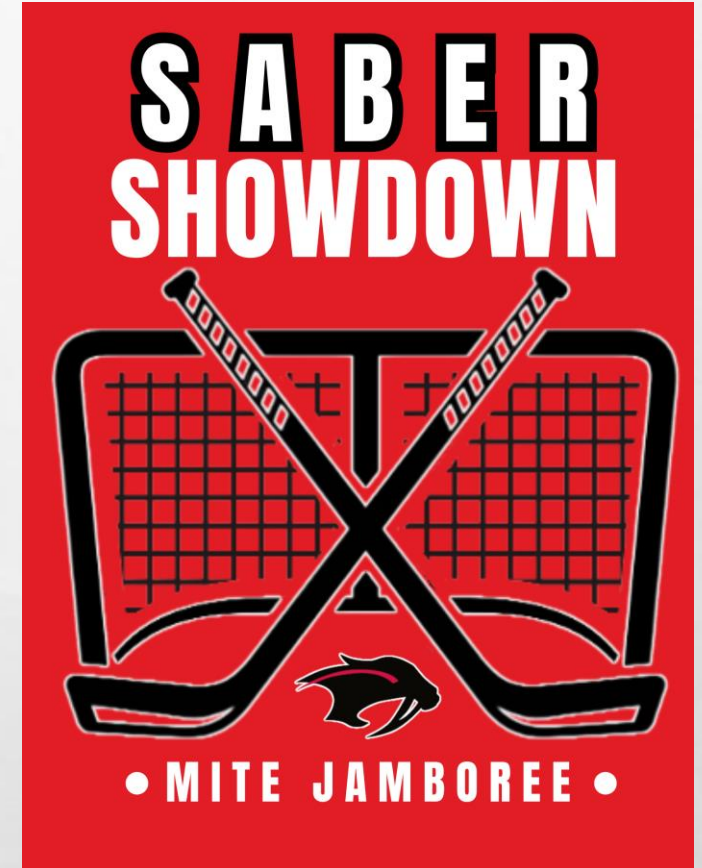
SCRIMMAGES

- 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, 2025, 3 game guarantee
- Teams M2 and above will attend the Elk River Mite Jamboree
 - February 27 – March 1, 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 & TEAMS

Level	Skaters
Rookie Mites	23
Mite 1	35
Mite 2	24
Mite 3/4	23
8U	22
Total	127

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

M3 Black

Allison Zhao
 Blake Breimhorst
 Easton Freeman
 Edison Rishel
 Lincoln Hagaman
 Lucas O'Keefe
 Mac Strelow
 Miles Vogel
 Myles Hoppenstedt
 Riley Daniel
 Xander Joos

M4 Red

Brooks Bailey
 Harrison McGuire
 Jackson Westling
 Jerry Schmidt
 Keegan Beckett
 Knox Radmacher
 Landon Fischer
 Logan Pherson
 Luke Wexler
 Mason Rife
 Nicolas Reed
 Owen Meemken

8U Black (Intermediate)

Annabelle Vance
 Avni Srivastava
 Blake Petersen
 Bryce Niesche
 Charlotte Vance
 Elena Samuel
 Emeline Hoover
 Georgia Wiest
 Lily Hawkins
 Luca Buckentine
 Lydia Janssen

8U Red (Advanced)

Amelia Munroe
 Arianna Farwell
 Avyn Halverson
 Harper Boldt
 Josie Benson
 Nora Molencamp
 Norah Mick
 Norah Tschida
 Norah Woodall
 Paisley Pieper
 Rosaria Pelant



IMPORTANT DATES

- Lower Mite Practices and Rookie Fall session start: 11/1
- Lower Mite teams will be rostered by 12/1
- Team Picture night Wednesday 12/3
 - East Middle School
- Saber Showdown 12/26 – 12/28
- Elk River Mite Jamboree 2/27 – 3/1
- Spring Social 3/13
- Year End Skate Spectacular 3/14– 3/15



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TEAM RECOGNITION & FLAG BEARERS

- Each team will be recognized as one high school boy's game and one high school girl's game
- Mite teams will be recognized during the first intermission
- Players names will be announced individually, and they will waive to the crowd



- At High School home games for both boys and girls, there are youth players that 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



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.
- 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

M2 Needs Team Managers

- 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
 - 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



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.

Sunday, October 26th
vs San Jose Sharks
5:00 PM



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

