NEW PLAYER FAQ'S



1. Does my child need to know how to skate to register for hockey?

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For children aged 5-8 some skating experience is helpful but not necessary. For children aged 9-18 it is important to have some basic skating ability in order to safely play amongst their peers. We recommend some skating lesson with full gear if possible.

2. How will I know if my child has been accepted to play in the current hockey season?

Once your registration documentation have been received and processed you will get an email from our registrar with further instruction and confirmation. If you have not heard back within 3 weeks of you submission please email <u>registrar@surreyminorhockey.com</u>

3. What happens if there is no room for my child to register & play with Surrey MHA?

Your child will be placed on a waitlist to determine if we are able to add them to a team.

4. When does the hockey season start & end?

Tryouts and prep camps typically take place sometime in mid to late August while the season starts in September and ends in March of the following year.

5. How much does it cost to register my child for hockey?

Please refer to the Registration Fee tab on our website <u>https://surreyminorhockey.com/registration/</u>

6. What forms of payment are accepted by Surrey MHA?

We accept credit card and e-transfers as payment (we no longer accept cheques or cash) Processing fees from credit card payments are not covered by the association

7. What if my child tries hockey & decides it's not for them? What is the refund policy?

Our refund policy is embedded within the registration form for review but you can also review it here: https://surreyminorhockey.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1420/2024/04/SMHA-Refund-Policy-Fillable.pdf

8. What do the player registration fees cover?

Registration fees cover general costs for your child to participate throughout the season. Some of the things covered include, insurance, ice, development, uniforms and practices. Please note registration fees do not include team fees. Team fees can differ from one team to the next depending on the activities determined by each team. Team fees are typically used to cover some of the following costs: tournaments, game officials, exhibition games and extra practices.

9. What equipment will my child need?

Please see the below table which lists the necessary equipment. You may want to visit the Hockey Shop located at 10280 City Pkwy, Surrey to get assistance in ensuring you have everything you need.

- Helmet
- Chest Protector
- Jock
- Hockey Socks
- Gloves
- Neck Guard

- Elbow Pads
- **Hockey Pants**

10. What arenas do Surrey MHA teams play & practice out of?

We try to host the majority of our ice times at the North Surrey location but please see our locations page for other possible arenas used: <u>https://surreyminorhockey.com/locations/</u>

11. What would the weekly schedule look like for my child?

Typically your child will have anywhere from 2 to 3 ice times per week which include a practice, game and skills. Due to covid if we are not able to schedule games those ice times become practice ice.

12. Can I request my child be on a team with his friend, neighbor, or family member for carpooling purposes?

All requests for ride shares are to be submitted to your division manager and are only accepted under special circumstances.

13. Do I have to volunteer on my child's team?

Yes, all parents are expected to assist in team duties. There are multiple jobs that teams require assistance with. Parent volunteer participation is key to a successful and enjoyable hockey season.

Each family is also expected to complete 4 hours of association level volunteering. Our Volunteer Policy can be found here: https://surreyminorhockey.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1420/2024/04/Volunteer-Policy-Final.pdf

14. Can my child try hockey to see if they like it?

There are some programs through the city as well as private facilities such as Excellent Ice which offer sessions in which your child can participate in full gear. From time to time the association hosts a First Shift program to help introduce children to the sport. Please see https://www.firstshift.ca/locations/bc/ and select Surrey Minor Hockey

- Knee Pads
- Skates
- Stick