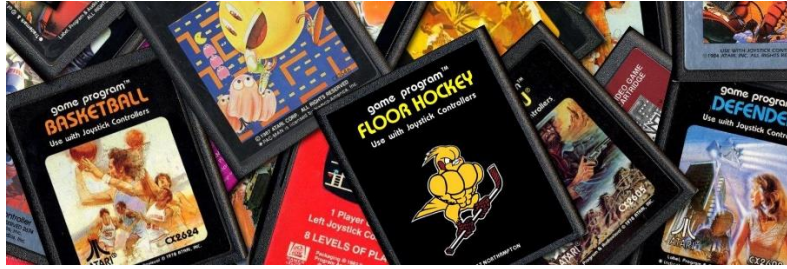


*** Northampton Youth Floor Hockey FAQ ***



1. SCHEDULING

>>> What day are games played?

Games are played on Saturdays.

>>> How long are games?

Each week teams will have up to a 15-minute practice, immediately followed a by 3-period game. Duration of the periods may vary, usually between 10-15 minutes.

>>> What time are games?

Start times vary based on the schedule as well as the number of divisions and of teams in the league. Generally, Mites play early morning to late morning. The Pee Wee division plays right after the Mites games are completed, with the earliest start times in the late morning. Juniors play after the Pee Wee games are complete, generally in the early through mid to late afternoon.

>>> What color shirt should my child wear during games?

Teams listed first on the schedule are considered the AWAY team should wear black. Teams listed second on the schedule are considered the HOME team and should wear white.

>>> When will I get my schedule?

Rosters and team schedules will be emailed by the coaches approximately one week after the first skills clinic.

>>> Do teams have any additional practice time?

If scheduling allows, there will be 1-2 skills clinics during the season for players in the Mites league only.

2. EQUIPMENT

>>> What equipment is needed?

Participants need a helmet with cage, hockey gloves, hockey stick, shin guards, and Official Northampton shirts. A 2-shirt package costs \$25 and includes one white & one black shirt (opposing teams wear different colors as per the away/home team designation above). You do **not** need to order shirts every season.

>>> Where can I purchase hockey equipment?

Street hockey equipment is recommended and can be purchased at most sporting goods stores like Modell's, Dicks sporting goods, etc. These stores also sell ice hockey equipment, which tends to be higher quality, but much more expensive.

>>> Do goalies need to buy their own equipment too?

We provide equipment for goalies in some sizes, or you can bring your own.

3. ROSTERS

We are anticipating having 3 divisions, which will be divided based on age, size and skill-level. Players are assigned to teams in the Mites league in a

manner designed to make the teams evenly matched for challenging and engaging games. Players in the upper leagues are drafted by the coaches, with an eye to forming the best teams for a successful league.

In a 3-division league, the divisions will be:

Mites - This division is designed for the newer, younger and smaller players. Most 6, 7, 8 and 9-year-olds should be in this league, along with smaller or beginner players.

Pee Wee - This division is for intermediate players who are 9 years old and above. Those in this age bracket who have prior floor hockey experience or who are bigger or older players should be in this league.

Juniors - This division is for advanced players who are approximately 13-16 years old. Those who are experienced, highly skilled or bigger players should be in this league.

Registered players will be assigned to a division based on the age, skill-level and size information provided during registration. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your player's division assignment, or if you have a player who wishes to play in more than one division, please contact Scott.

>>> Are siblings assigned to the same team?

Yes! Siblings playing in the same division are always assigned to the same team.

>>> Can my child request a friend to be on the same team?

With the number of players and teams, it is not possible to accommodate everyone's requests. Therefore, friend and family requests (other than siblings) are generally considered only for 6 and 7-year-olds. However, if your son or daughter is new to the league, or there are extenuating circumstances, please contact Scott.

>>>Do players ever move teams?

From time to time, players may be moved to another team due to extenuating circumstances or to keep the teams balanced and fair with respect to player numbers and skill-levels. The coaches and Scott will communicate with players and parents directly affected by any moves, while doing their best to respect players' and parents' privacy where appropriate. Parents not directly involved in any adjustments to teams should not expect to be included in those communications.

4. COACHING

>>> Can I volunteer to be a coach or assistant coach?

Yes, provided the following background checks have been obtained and copies of the results provided to the Township:

- (1) PA State Police criminal background check
- (2) PA child abuse clearance **AND EITHER**
- (3) A signed affidavit affirming you have been resident in PA for the last 10 years OR a FBI fingerprint check completed after you became a PA resident.

>>> Where do I go to get these clearances?

PA State Police Criminal Background Check:

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

PA Child Abuse Clearance:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

FBI Fingerprint Check (if you have not been a PA resident for the past 10 years:

<http://www.pa.cogentid.com/index.htm>

>>>> Do I still need to submit clearances if I already did the paperwork?

If you have already obtained these clearances within the past 60 months, you can submit copies of those certificates.

>>> To whom do I submit clearances?

Results of fully completed background checks (including certificates of completed PA criminal check and child abuse clearance, and either a signed affidavit or a FBI fingerprint certificate) should be submitted **directly to Barbra Primavera.**

5. OTHER

>>> If I have any questions about the league, whom should I contact?

Please contact Scott Pachman, league Commissioner, at northamptonfloorhockey@gmail.com if you have any questions about the league

>>> Does Northampton have a Facebook page?

Yes! Look us up at "Northampton Youth Floor Hockey."