



## Summer Youth Hockey League 2010 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What division will/should my child play in?

*USA Hockey Age division for the 2009-2010 season will be applied. However player movement upward is highly recommended for travel players and players that next fall would be moving to the next age division. For example Travel players that will be Pee Wees in the fall may play up as Bantams. In-house players that move up in the winter may play up if they feel they are ready and their coach from the winter season recommends it. In-house players who do not move up should stay in their current age division.*

#### 2010 SUMMER & 2009-2010 WINTER SEASON

Mite	8 and Under	Born in 2001 or later
Squirt	9 and 10 Yr. Olds	Born in 1999 and 2000
PeeWee	11 and 12 Yr. Olds	Born in 1998 and 1997
Bantam	13 and 14 Yr. Olds	Born in 1996 and 1995
Midget/HS	15 thru 18 Yr. Olds	Born in 1994, 93, 92, 91

### Where will the teams practice and play?

*The teams will practice at Aerodrome Willowbrook and games will be played at the Aerodrome Willowbrook, the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, Memorial City and Space City Ice Station. Teams can expect on average to have 25% of the games scheduled on Sundays. At most 3 to 4 games will be scheduled on Sunday mornings at Willowbrook. The above number of Sunday games may be more or less depending upon the number of teams fielded at all facilities. We expect 1-2 teams per level from each rink.*

### How long is the season?

*The Willowbrook Aerodrome officially begins the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> for Mites, Squirts Pee Wees and Bantams and ends July 15, 2010. The HS division will start on the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> and will also end July 15<sup>th</sup>. The players that are currently playing Varsity hockey go longer than the travel and in-house leagues and we wanted to give those players a little extra time between seasons. The difference in start dates is the reason for the lower price of the HS division.*

### What is the anticipated practice schedule?

*Willowbrook has ice on Monday thru Thursday and the practices could be on any of those nights. We try to give the Mites and Squirts the earlier slots and the Bantams (and High School/Midgets) the later slots. You should anticipate being available on any of those nights.*

### How many players are placed on a team?

*Generally, there are 15 players and two goalies placed on a team. Some teams may have fewer players depending upon the registration. We rarely have more than 15 and 2 but on a rare occasion it is possible. The League will strive to create equally talented teams through an evaluation process. Players must have completed our classes or played on a previous sanctioned team to play in our leagues. All practice schedule will be posted on the website.*

### Is the Midget/High School division going to be based on the schools the players go to?

*We will make an effort to have the teams be based on the school the kids go to but based on numbers we may have to combine two or three schools together. Also, if it looks like there won't be parity we reserve the right to make changes that we feel will provide parity but still work towards school affiliations.*

***Players in every division are required to wear the full equipment as listed above to participate in the practices and games. Refusal to conform and enforce these guidelines may subject a player, team or coach to suspension. A list of required gear can be found on <http://www.aerodromes.com/PopupEquipment.htm>***