



2025-26 Troy Bruins Youth Hockey

Registrations:

Troy Bruins youth hockey registrations are tentatively scheduled to begin April 9th at 10am. Early Bird deadline to register will be July 14th. However, there are no guarantees that a particular division will still have openings through the deadline date. A division may reach its maximum prior to the July 14th deadline. Fees will increase by \$50 after July 14th.

Registration Fees:

Fees include practice ice, home game ice, league fees, referees for home games, socks and other miscellaneous program operating expenses such as coach's certifications, equipment. Program registration fees are established each year by the Troy Recreation Board usually in February or March. Fees as established by the Board for the 2025-26 season are as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>2025-26 Fee</u>
IP	\$185
Mite House (8U)	\$665
Squirt House (10U)	\$725
Squirt Travel (10U)	\$890
Peewee House (12U)	\$735
Peewee Travel (12U)	\$900
Bantam (14U)	\$940
High School (18U)	\$980

- **Payment plan option** – when paying your registration fees with a credit card, you have the option to choose the auto charge payment plan that includes 3 payments; the initial 1/3 payment of the registration fee when you register; 2nd 1/3 of the registration fee will be auto charged on Friday, August 29th and the final 1/3 of the registration fee will be auto charged on Friday, September 26th.

Jerseys & Socks:

Socks are included in the above registration fees. All teams will have 2 socks & jersey colors. All jerseys worn by our teams must include the Troy Bruins logo and be white, black or gold and be ordered thru the Troy Recreation Department. No other jerseys are permitted. Sponsorships of individual teams are not permitted to be displayed on team jerseys. **If you want jerseys for the 2025 season, you must purchase them when**

you register. There will be an option to purchase jerseys when you register, otherwise you will not receive new jerseys. Jerseys cannot be purchased later. They must be purchased when you register at \$54 each.

Below is a chart that outlines what jerseys will be needed for each division:

	White Jersey	Black Jersey		White Socks	Black Socks
Mite	✓	✓		✓	✓
Squirt	✓	✓		✓	✓
PeeWee	✓	✓		✓	✓
Bantam	✓	✓		✓	✓
H.S.	✓	✓		✓	✓

Teams:

Based on our projected numbers from this past season, we will be offering the following teams for the 2025-2026 Season:

- 2 Mite Teams (8U) (House – Divisions Determined by Coaches & coordinator)
- 2 Squirt Teams (10U) (Offering house & travel)
- 2 PeeWee Teams (12U) (Offering house & travel)
- 2 Bantam Teams (14U) (Divisions determined by coach & coordinator)
- 1 HS Team (18U) (Junior Varsity)

However, these offerings are all tentative and will be determined based on final registrations received. Registrations will be offered for travel teams at the squirt, peewee & bantam divisions. We will register each team for the appropriate division based on the coach and program coordinator recommendation. If a player registers to play travel in the squirt, peewee or bantam divisions and there are not enough registrations for travel teams, they will have the option to play for the house team or receive a refund until one week after the registration deadline of July 14th. A refund request must be received in writing by the Recreation Department by July 21st. If these divisions don't end up with travel players and we have multiple house teams, the teams will be split up evenly by skill and numbers, as determined by the coaching staff within the first few weeks after the first practices begin in September. Players that register for travel and are not selected will be moved to the house division team. We anticipate we will have enough for 2 teams at the Mite division and for 1 team at the High School JV division. Players will be split evenly by skill into the two teams at the mite division. **Players who register in the program will not receive a refund unless they meet the Troy Recreation Board Refund Policy that is outlined when you register to participate.**

House vs. Travel Teams:

Generally, travel teams will have more games and will likely play in more tournaments than house teams, however participation in tournaments other than the end of the season league tournament will be up to each team's coach and parents and are an additional expense. Travel team players are selected through an

evaluation process. Fees are more for travel teams than for a house team in the same age division (other than the Bantam Division) due to costs associated with more games and differences in league fees.

House teams are not necessarily true “house” teams from the perspective that these teams still travel to rinks in other cities to participate in games. In the past, away games for our house teams have included: Dayton, Cincinnati, Oxford, Northern Kentucky & Columbus. However, future away games may not be limited to these locations. Away games for travel teams can include these same locations in addition to locations of further distance (eg. Lexington, Indianapolis, Charleston, WV.)

In past seasons, our house teams have participated in the BTHL House (B) Division and our travel teams participated in the (BTHL) Buckeye Travel Hockey League Travel (A) Division. Our High School (18U) team has played in a High School JV League in Cincinnati in the past. We anticipate that is where our teams will play again this season. Our teams are developed and placed in the appropriate divisions and leagues based on where the program coordinator and our coach(es) feel our team(s) will best fit based on their skill level. This is in an effort to allow our teams to be as competitive with the other teams as possible.

Evaluation Skates:

Evaluation skates are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Squirt	Wednesday, March 19 th	6 – 7pm	Tuesday, April 15	6:30 – 7:20pm**
Peewee	Wednesday, March 19 th	7:10 – 8:10pm	Tuesday, April 15	7:30 – 8:20pm**
Bantam	Thursday, March 20 th	6:55 – 7:55pm	Thursday, April 17	6:30 – 7:20pm**
High School	Wednesday, March 19 th	8:30 – 9:30pm	Thursday, April 17	7:30 – 8:20pm**

*Evaluation skates are for those players intending to participate on the squirt, peewee & bantam travel teams & High School team. The evaluation fee is \$10/player at Hobart Arena. Players will be informed within 7 days following evaluations and have until July 15th to register to guarantee their spot if they haven’t already registered. ****NOTE: The evaluation skates in March will be held at Hobart Arena. The evaluation skates in April will be held at the Springfield Chiller. The rate for the April 15th evaluation skates will be \$20.**

Squirt, Peewee & Bantam coaches will be in contact with players within 7 days informing players whether they have been selected to play on the travel (top) team, those players will have until July 15th to register to guarantee their roster spot. The Mite teams will be split evenly by skill to have two teams that are as balanced as possible.

Coaches (Tentative & Based on What is Being Offered)

Mite (8U)	Derek Nova
Mite (8U)	TBD
Squirt House (10U)	TBD
Squirt Travel (Or 2 nd House Team) (10U)	AJ Furrow
Peewee House (12U)	TBD
Peewee Travel (Or 2 nd House Team) (12U)	Russ Smith
Bantam House (14U)	Kyle Cruea
Bantam Travel (14U)	LJ Ellison
High School JV (18U)	Matt Hildebrand

Coach Selection – The Troy Recreation Department selects coaches from applications that are submitted by coaches. In the event, there are multiple coaches interested in particular coaching positions, the Jr. Hockey Advisory Council reviews the applications and makes the selection of coaches. If there is a shortage of coaching applications received, the program will attempt to secure additional coaching volunteer candidates to fill the open positions. All coaches must meet all USA Hockey & Mid-Am coaching requirements, background checks, concussion certifications, etc. Head Coaches select their assistant coaches, locker room monitors, team managers, etc.

2025-26 Season Start Date & Ice:

At this time, the season is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 15th and will last until approximately the week of March 9, 2026, pending special events scheduled at the arena. Mites will have 4 “Jamboree” double-header home dates, Squirt and Peewee house teams will include up to 8 home games. Squirt Travel, Peewee Travel, Bantams & High School will include up to 12 home games. In an effort to maximize practice time for all teams, there will be split ice for some practice time slots. Practice schedules will be developed based on the teams the program ends up having this season and will include up to 2 practices each week unless there is a special event scheduled in the arena. Registration fees are established based on the estimated amount of ice that will be available over the course of the season. Other events take place at Hobart Arena that will displace ice times. These events are taken into account when establishing registration fees. The hourly ice rental rate that the Troy Bruins hockey program pays for ice is already heavily discounted vs. the established regular ice rental rates that other user groups pay for ice at Hobart Arena. Therefore, it is expected that teams will lose practices over the course of the season due to scheduled arena events. Refunds are not given when events are scheduled in the arena and ice time is not available for practices. The 2024-25 Season was relatively indicative of what a typical or normal year of special events that may take place at the arena over the course of a season is. However, this fluctuates from year to year based on what other special events are scheduled.

New Player Safety Equipment Requirement for 2024-25 Season

The USA Hockey Congress approved legislation during last season’s USA Hockey Winter Meeting that requires neck laceration protection for players in all age classifications in practices and games, with the exception of adults. This went into effect in August, 2024. The neck laceration requirement also includes on-ice officials under the age of 18.

The legislation also strongly recommends the use of neck laceration protection by adult players.

Here is a link with further details, FAQ and a site to purchase a neck protector from Pure Hockey:

<https://www.usahockey.com/playersafety>

Summer Drop In Ice Times:

Summer drop in ice times will Mondays and Wednesdays tentatively scheduled on the following dates:

June – 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30

July – 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

Times:	6:40 – 7:40pm	Ages 5 – 10
	7:50 – 8:50pm	Ages 11 – 14
	9:00 – 10:00pm	Ages 15 – 18

If you have any questions related to the Troy Bruins Youth Hockey Program you may reach Program Coordinator, Randy Shoemaker at randy.shoemaker23@yahoo.com or Ken Siler at ken.siler@troyohio.gov
Please do not contact the Hockey Boosters group related to specific questions about program details.