



2026-27 Troy Bruins Youth Hockey

Registrations:

Troy Bruins youth hockey registrations are tentatively scheduled to begin April 8th at 10am. Early Bird deadline to register for Rec/House teams will be July 13th. However, there are no guarantees that a particular division will still have openings through the deadline date. A Rec/House division team may reach its maximum prior to the July 13th deadline. Fees will increase by \$50 after July 13th. Travel team players making a team must register and pay at least the 1st 1/3 payment by May 8th in order to secure their offered spot on the team or forfeit their spot on the roster. Travel players registering after May 8th will not qualify for the early bird rate.

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 2026-27 season are as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>2026-27 Fee</u>
IP	\$200
Mite Rec/House (8U)	\$680 (Thru 7/13/26)
Squirt Rec/House/B (10U)	\$775 (Thru 7/13/26)
Squirt Travel (10U)	\$940 (Thru 5/8/26)
Peewee Rec/House/B (12U)	\$785 (Thru 7/13/26)
Peewee Travel (12U)	\$950 (Thru 5/8/26)
Bantam Rec/House/B (14U)	\$995 (Thru 7/13/26)
Bantam Travel (14U)	\$995 (Thru 5/8/26)
High School (18U)	\$1,080 (Thru 5/8/26)

- **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 28th and the final 1/3 of the registration fee will be auto charged on Friday, September 25th.

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 2026 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 2026-2027 Season:

- 2 Mite Teams (8U) (House – Divisions Determined by Coaches & coordinator)
- 2 Squirt Teams (10U) (Offering Rec/House B & travel)
- 2 PeeWee Teams (12U) (Offering Rec/House B & travel – possibly 2 travel teams)
- 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 rec/house team or receive a refund until June 1st. A refund request must be received in writing by the Recreation Department by June 1st. 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 rec/house b division team. We anticipate we will have 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. High School players who are committing to participate with the Bruins High School team and register to participate by the May 8th deadline to take one of the available spots on the team will not receive a refund if they choose to leave the program.

Rec/House B vs. Travel Teams:

Generally, travel teams will have more games and will likely play in more tournaments than Rec/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 Rec/house team in the same age division (other than the Bantam Division) due to costs associated with more games and differences in league fees.

Rec/House teams are not necessarily true "house" teams considering that these teams still travel to rinks in other cities to participate in games. In the past, away games for our Rec/House teams have included: Dayton, Cincinnati, Oxford, Northern Kentucky, Lexington, Indian Hill & 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. Indianapolis, Charleston, WV.. Athens, Columbus, IN)

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 25 th	6 – 7pm	Saturday, April 18	6:40pm**
Peewee	Wednesday, March 25 th	7:10 – 8:10pm	Saturday, April 18	5:30pm**
Bantam	Thursday, March 26 th	6:55 – 7:55pm	Saturday, April 18	3:10pm**
High School	Wednesday, March 25 th	8:30 – 9:30pm	Saturday, April 18	4:20pm**

*Evaluation skates are for those players intending to participate on the squirt, peewee & bantam travel teams & High School team. The evaluation fee is \$12/player at Hobart Arena. All travel/High School players must attend at least one of the two evaluations dates. Players will be informed within 7 days following evaluations and have until May 8th to register or forfeit their spot on the roster, 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 18th evaluation skates will be \$20 (cash only)**

Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and High School coaches will be in contact with players within 7 days informing players whether they have been selected to play on the travel team, those players will have until May 8th 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. The mite teams will be split up at the beginning of the season in September.

Coaches (Tentative & Based on What is Being Offered)

Mite (8U)	Pete Suber
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Squirt Rec/House/B (10U)	TBD
Squirt Travel (Or 2 nd House Team) (10U)	Derek Nova
Peewee Rec/House/B (12U)	Neal Norman
Peewee Travel (Or 2 nd House Team) (12U)	AJ Furrow
Bantam Rec/House/B (14U)	Kyle Cruca
Bantam Travel (14U)	LJ Jellison
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.

2026-27 Season Start Date & Ice:

At this time, the season is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 14th and will last until approximately the week of March 8, 2027, 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 2025-26 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.

Player Safety Equipment Requirement Effective With the 2024-25 Season

The USA Hockey Congress approved legislation a couple years ago 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>

Hockey Parent 101 Meeting

There will be a meeting during the month of August leading up to the beginning of the season for parents new to hockey and new to the Troy Bruins Hockey program. This will cover Game Basics, General Schedules, Divisions, Travel, Equipment, Communication, Arena Information, etc. and a Q&A to help with any other questions new parents may have.

Checking Clinic

There will be a checking clinic held during the 1st 2 weeks of the season for the U14 Division players that will take place during their regularly scheduled practice times.

U8 Families Moving to U10 Division

There will be a meeting with the U10 division teams during the 1st 2 weeks of the season prior to or after a practice to go over what to expect with the differences between the ½ to full ice games.

Summer Drop In Ice Times:

Summer drop in ice times will be determined and will be emailed out to all of our hockey families and posted on the Hobart Arena web page and sent out by the Boosters once dates and times are finalized.

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.