



**Evanston Youth Hockey Association
Spring Hockey
Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the age groups for spring hockey?

	<u>Mite</u>	<u>Squirt</u>	<u>Peewee</u>	<u>Bantam</u>
Birth Year	2002 and later	2001	1999	1997
		2000	1998	1996

What does spring hockey entail?

Spring hockey is a chance for all players to enjoy the advantages of competitive hockey in a more relaxed spring environment. The spring season will combine both house and travel players during skills and 3-on-3 sessions.

The season includes:

- Once weekly skills session
- Once weekly 3-on-3 session
- 6 games played in the outstanding North Shore Spring League *

Clubs participating in the North Shore Spring League include Wilmette, Winnetka, Skokie, Highland Park, Glenview, Northbrook, Glacier, and Buffalo Grove.

When does spring hockey start?

Evaluations will be held on Sunday, March 7^h at Robert Crown according to the following schedule:

- 9:00 am Bantams
- 10:15 am Peeweess
- 11:30 am Mites/Squirts

Team rosters will be posted by March 11th on the EYHA website.

The spring season will run from April 5th through May 23rd.

What's the schedule?

Age groups will practice as follows, beginning the week of April 5th:

	Skills Session	3-on-3 Session
Mites	Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Robert Crown Main Ice	Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice
Squirts	Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Robert Crown Main Ice	Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice
Peeweess	Mondays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice	Fridays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice
Bantams	Mondays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice	Fridays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm Robert Crown Main Ice

League games will be scheduled during the week of March 15th and schedules will be posted on the club web site (www.evanstonhockey.com) by March 22nd.

Peewee Checking Clinics: All new Peewees must attend a minimum of two checking clinics in order to participate in the Peewee spring league or in the fall of 2010. This is a mandatory AHAI rule and there are NO exceptions. The Peewee checking clinics will be held during the following times:

Friday, February 19th at 7:10 PM at Heartland
Monday, February 22nd at 5:30 PM at Heartland
Friday, February 26th at 7:10 PM at Heartland

The cost is \$25 per session.

Second year Peewees are encouraged to attend as well.

What is the purpose of the evaluation session?

The purpose of the session is to evaluate each player's skating ability and hockey skills in order to place each player on an appropriate spring team. It is also an opportunity for the club to finalize its count of participants and teams for the spring season.

Can parents watch the evaluation session?

No. In order to allow players and coaches to conduct their work in a less stressful environment, the evaluation session is "closed" to parent spectators. Please respect this policy.

How many spring teams will there be?

Numbers will not be finalized until after the evaluation sessions.

Who will coach spring hockey?

The outstanding coaching staff from the fall-winter season will coach spring hockey. Specific team coaching assignments will be announced with the team rosters.

How will players find out about team placement?

Team rosters will be available by the evening of Wednesday, March 11th on the club web site (www.evanstonhockey.com). We will send an announcement via email to all registered families when team rosters are posted.

Do I need to complete a registration form?

Yes. You must complete a registration form in order to participate in the evaluation session.

If you **did not** skate with EYHA (house or travel) during the 2009-10 fall season, please print and bring a copy of your USA Hockey registration confirmation page (you can request a copy online: https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/receipt_request.jsp).

If you **have not registered** with USA Hockey for the 2009-10 season, you must do so before attending evaluations. You can do so by visiting: <http://www.usahockeyregistration.com/>).

How much does it cost?

The fees for participation in the spring season are:

- Mites: \$450
- Squirts: \$475
- Peewees & Bantams: \$500

Do I need to pay my fee today?

It is requested that you pay your fee today. If you are unable to, or if you are not certain you will participate, please speak to an EYHA representative. Full payment of your fee is required by the first practice session of the spring season.

EYHA is committed to enabling children of all financial circumstances to play hockey. Please feel free to speak with an EYHA representative about payment plans and scholarships.

How can I help?

Each team will need a volunteer team manager to work as a liaison between the parents and the coach. The team manager typically handles administrative details, such as phone calls and emails to team families, handling changes in practice or game times, and preparing schedules. If you are interested in becoming a team manager, please speak with an EYHA representative.