



FLAMES MITE IN-HOUSE SPRING 2007 HOCKEY PARENT INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce the Flames Mite In-House Spring Hockey Program, the next step in your child's hockey development. This is the program that most Learn to Skate and Scooter hockey players will join if they choose to play for the Flames. Below highlights key information regarding the Flames Mite In-House Spring 2007 Hockey Program.

Who is eligible to play Mite In-House Hockey?

*Players born **after** December 31, 1998.

Why join in the spring?

All youth hockey players are grouped according to birth year, generally spending two years within a given level in the sport. Since the hockey year changes in the spring, all second year players move up to the next level. Incoming players then have the benefit of building skills during the spring without being overwhelmed by the most senior players in a given level. By the time the busier fall season arrives, players are far more confident, increasing their safety and enjoyment of the game.

Skill building... making a better Hockey player:

Your child will continue to develop the major hockey skills learned in the Skills & Drills and Scooters programs, such as skating, stick handling, passing, and shooting, with further emphasis placed on proper form and technique. Players will be part of a team and participate in games with other Mite House teams. Score will be kept during these games; however, league standings and records will not be kept. As your player progresses through Mite House, they will be taught additional major hockey skills, improve their "hockey sense" and understand working as a team.

How are Mite In-House Teams determined?

All Mite House league teams are formed to create groups with an equal balance of skills and talent. Incoming players are rated by the Flames coaching staff during our Mite House Evaluation Session and organized by draft to make up team rosters. Coaches will then contact parents with information regarding team practices (generally Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm or 3:00pm) and game schedules (Sunday mornings at 8:00am or 9:10am, beginning April 15th). Regular season play ends the weekend of June 9th/10th, with playoffs June 12th and 14th followed by a Championship game.

Registration and Fees:

Registration forms are available on line at our web site, www.FlamesHockey.org. You may also register in person at Addison Ice, the new home of the Flames Hockey Club, located at 475 South Grace Street, Addison, IL. The cost of the Spring Mite House Program is \$250.00, which includes all ice time, referee costs, a Flames team jersey, and team socks.

Questions and further information:

Please contact **Program Director Dominic Sole** at dominicsole@sbcglobal.net or 630/231-3107. You may also call the **Flames Hot Line at 630/415-2923**.