

Mallards Minor Hockey League FAQ

1. What is the skill leveled required to participate in the league?

All players must have graduated from both Learn to Skate and Learn to Play in order to participate in league play. We are committed to providing a competitive experience for all players involved in the league which might mean that more skilled players will play up in age division, while less skilled players might play down in age division. Additionally, we will make sure line match ups are “like ability” per USA Hockey Guidelines.

2. Can I sign up for the base program, but substitute the optional/additional day as my practice day for the base program?

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this flexibility. The base program for each program is age specific, while the optional/add on days are mixed aged practices. If you want to be in the league, you must sign up for the base program and commit to the base program schedule. The additional day is for those players wanting more practice.

3. Can I sign up for the optional day only?

At this point, the optional day is provided only to the players who are in the league who want the extra practice. If we are unable to fill the optional day, we will open it up to everyone.

4. Who will be coaching the Mallards Minor Hockey League?

We will have a variety of coaches helping with the league, including, Pond Staff, Mallards tournament team coaches and parent volunteers. If you would like to help coach a team, please email jason@pondhockeyclub.com.

5. What time will practice start?

On weeknights, most Mallard Minor Hockey League teams will practice at 5:15 or 6:30. On the weekends the times vary, but no practice or game will begin before 8am or take place later than 5pm.

6. Do I have to sign up for the House League at Chap?

Chaparral will continue to have their Austin Roadrunner Leagues at Chaparral Ice. The Mallards Minor Hockey Leagues will be at the Pond and Barn. We will not be hosting Chaparral programming at the Pond facility any longer.

7. What is the difference between your Mallard Minor Hockey League and the Mallard Tournament Teams?

The Mallards tournament teams are more competitive teams for more experienced players. These Tournament Teams are selected through a tryout and travel 4-5 times over the season to various tournaments. These teams will practice twice per week as a team, and once per week in station based practices with the MMHL players. During these joint practices kids will be divided into groups based on skill and experience to enhance development for all players. These Tournament Teams will play a 5v5 MMHL game every week and at the Peewee and Bantam ages will also play in Mitch's Game (A/AA adults) every week with their Mallards Tournament Team

The Mallards Minor Hockey League is comprised of players who will stay local and play weekly competitions in Austin. Players in the Mallards Minor Hockey League will be comprised of players with mixed skill level, making it possible for more inexperienced players to develop, in addition to those players who are very experienced but do not want to commit the money or time required to participate on the tournament team. All MMHL competitions will have matching lines so that the more experienced players (regardless of whether they are on the Mallards Tournament Team or not) are playing against each other, and the less experienced players are playing against each other.

8. When can we come learn more about the Mallards Minor Hockey League and meet some of the coaches and staff?

We are holding information sessions on these dates and time:

Mini Mites & Mites: May 21st, 4:15-5:15

Squirts: May 21st, 5:15-6:00pm

Peewee: May 21st, 6:00-6:45pm

15U: May 21st, 6:45-7:30pm