

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q:** How do I know when my child ready to play on the Hogs? **A:** Generally, if a player has completed a Learn to Play session or the Hurricane's First Goal program, they're ready to join the Hogs. Your LTP coach and the Hogs staff are good resources to discuss player readiness. We also encourage new players to come to a few practices and try it out (for free) before committing.
- **Q:** How long is the season? **A:** The season usually starts in September, and runs through early March. We break for one week at Thanksgiving two weeks during Christmas / New Years.
- **Q:** Where and when do we play? **A:** All practices and home games are at the Sportsplex. Practices are once or twice a week. Games are usually once a week and on weekends. The number of games and format (single game v. tournament) vary by age level.
- **Q:** Who do we play? **A:** 8U Mites will play games against each other ("house" games) and participate in jamboree festivals on select weekends with other regional organizations. 10U through 18U play in the Polar Hurricanes League, which includes the Hogs and teams from Wake County. Tournament teams will play in 2-3 tournaments per season, usually in the Carolinas.

Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

- **Q:** My child is inexperienced &/or small for their age, can they "play down" an age level? **A:** Generally, no, but the Hogs have entry level teams at each age level that are intended for less experienced kids.
- **Q:** I have a girl, can she play? **A:** Yes, definitely! Most of our teams (& opponents) are co-ed.
- **Q:** How much does it cost? **A:** Cost varies depending on the age level. Mite registration fee is usually about \$600 per season, which has worked out to about \$8 per hour when factoring in all of the practice and game time. Check tyhnc.com for further details on costs.
- **Q:** Is financial aid available? **A:** Yes. Check tyhnc.com for further details on costs.
- **Q:** Is there a sibling / multiple player discount? **A:** Yes.
- **Q:** Is equipment provided? **A:** Other than a jersey and socks, no gear will be provided. If you need assistance on where to obtain gear, and/or are on a budget, please contact us & we can provide some suggestions
- **Q:** What are the key dates I should be aware of? **A:** Check tyhnc.com for our current calendar on when fall / winter registration opens (usually in August) and other key events, like used equipment sales, clinics, and social events.
- **Q:** Do the kids have fun? **A:** Yes!!!



YOUTH HOCKEY

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Hockey Is for Everyone!

Do you have a son or daughter interested in playing hockey? They are never too young or too old to get started. Through our partnership with the Orange County Sportsplex, TYHNC recommends the following path for getting started with the great game of hockey.

Step 1: Learn to Skate

Before playing hockey, your child must learn how to skate. Check out www.oc-sportsplex.com or call the Sportsplex (919-644-0339) to learn more about their Learn to Skate programs.

Step 2: Learn to Play

The Sportsplex offers learn to play hockey lessons for children as young as 3 years old. Children must be able to skate and have the appropriate hockey equipment. The Carolina Hurricane's "First Goal" program each summer is a great way to get started as well.

Step 3: Join the Hogs!

Once your child has developed basic skating skills and has learned some hockey fundamentals, they are ready to join the Hogs!

About TYHNC

TYHNC is a non-profit, USA Hockey sanctioned, volunteer based organization that governs the "Hillsborough Hogs" ice hockey teams. We follow the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) and have teams at all levels:

Age as of 12/31	Level
5 to 8	8U Mite
9 to 10	10U Squirt
11 to 12	12U PeeWee
13 to 15	15U Bantam
16 to 18	18U High School

8U Mites will play games against each other ("house" games) and participate in jamboree festivals on select weekends with other regional organizations. For 10U and up, the Hogs have beginner / intermediate teams, advanced level teams, and optional travel tournament teams. All of our coaches are USA Hockey certified and focus on fun, skill development, teamwork, exercise, and sportsmanship.



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