

# Where does my Start Smart graduate go from here?

Good question! Let us get you pointed in the right direction. As you know, the purpose of the Start Smart program is to teach the basic skills of hockey prior to league play. So now that Start is over, the next step is the Salt Lake County Youth Hockey League, or some other recreational hockey league.

What is the SL County Youth Hockey League?

- The SLCYHL is a recreational house league for kids ages 6-14.

What do you mean by recreational house league?

- The term “house” league is a hockey term used to describe a non-traveling organization.
- Recreational means that the main emphasis is on equal play, sportsmanship, and skill development. Standings are not posted and playoffs are not held to determine a champion.

Where does the SLCYHL play?

- You can choose your home arena to be the SLC Sports Complex, The County Ice Center in Murray or the Acord Ice Center in West Valley.
- Your team will have all of its practices at your home arena and ½ of your games will be at home and the other ½ will be at the other two arenas.

When are games and practices?

- Games are held on Saturdays.
- Practices are held on the same day and time each week. Your home arena will publish the practice schedule on the registration flyer.

When does the season run?

- The season typically runs from late September to late March
- Typically, each team get a practice and a game per week
- Typically, the season is approximately 21 practices and 17 games

When does registration begin?

- Registration usually begins in Mid-August
- You will receive a registration via snail mail in early August
- Register as early as possible as space is limited in each age division and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.

What is the cost of the league?

- Costs for the 2007-2008 season were \$340.00
- This included USA Hockey registration, jersey, socks, participation award, ice-time for games and practices, and 2 free Utah Grizzlies tickets.

What age category will my child be in?

- 1<sup>st</sup>, ask yourself how old will your child be January 1, 2008?
- Mites: ages 6-8
- Squirts: ages 9-10
- Pee-Wee: ages 11-12
- Bantam ages 13-14

Are tryouts held?

- NO! Every child is placed on a team.
- We hold player evaluations at the beginning of each season.
- We evaluate each player's skills to aid us in our blind draft team selection process.

When does physical play begin?

- Checking or physical contact between players is not permitted until the Pee-Wee age division (ages 11-12)

How do parents get involved?

- The SLCYHL is always looking for volunteers to help us as:
- Coaches
- Assistant coaches
- Team Managers
- You can get involved by contacting the Program Coordinator at your home arena.

Do family members get to be on the same team?

- Yes, as long as they are in the same age classification.

What is USA Hockey?

- USA Hockey is the governing body of amateur hockey in the USA.
- USA Hockey also provides supplemental health insurance for players, coaches and officials
- USA Hockey requires its coaches to be certified by holding seminars throughout the year.
- USA Hockey also requires a criminal background check on every coach, each season.

I have more questions! Who do I call?

- For more information about the SLCYHL please contact:
- Shannon Schmidt (SLC Sports Complex) 583-9713 x264
- Joe Bernardy (County Ice Center) 270-7293
- Chris Billeter (Acord Ice Center) 967-4030