



Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. 2009 – 2010 Winter Program Registration Information

Dear Players and Parents,

The Board of Directors of Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. would like to thank you for your interest in our 2009-2010 hockey program. We are always striving to develop a program that will be both fun and competitive for the upcoming season. Since some of our members are new to hockey, we have included a hockey division definition page that will hopefully help newcomers understand the age classifications, levels within the age classifications in our organization, fee structures and level of commitment at each level. The Board of Directors is committed to continuously improving our programs and welcomes any new members, ideas, suggestions, and volunteers. The highlights of the registration packet are outlined below:

1. **All new families to the SYHI organization provide a copy of the player's birth certificate at physical registration.**
2. This year's registration fees include the cost of two pair of hockey socks for all travel teams. The jersey design of St. Louis Blues colors and socks to match will remain the same.
3. All players should register electronically with USA Hockey prior to registering with Saratoga Youth Hockey. The cost is approximately \$33 and can be done through the USA hockey website at www.usahockey.com. Please print out a copy of your registration confirmation page and bring it to registration. If you are unable to register on-line, arrangements will be made at the time of registration, but you will need to bring the USA hockey registration fee in addition to the Saratoga Youth Hockey registration fee.
4. The Multi Player Discounts remain at \$25 for the second player, \$100 for the third player. For any family having more than three players, the fourth and beyond shall have the base registration fee waived.
5. The payment plan option remains in effect this year. We would like to extend players an opportunity to play hockey, regardless of their financial situation. The payment plan **WILL NOT** be offered to those families who did not meet last season's payment plan deadline. The payment plan requires a 50% down payment at the time of registration (**non refundable**) after any pre-registration fees are deducted. The remaining balance is due by November 30, 2009. **There will be no refunds given after January 1, 2010 for any reason.**
6. The snack bar policy states that anyone who signs up to work an allotted time and fails to do so, will have that time added to their current snack bar hour balance. The only exception will be if the worker finds a replacement to cover the time slot. **Please do not sign up for snack bar time unless you fully intend to work it.** The beginning of the year seems to instill panic about getting all our snack bar hours done, but the season goes until the end of March and there are plenty of hours available throughout the season. Last season ended with many unworked snack bar hours – especially at the end of the season.



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7. Any family with an outstanding financial obligation to SYHI from previous seasons **WILL NOT** be allowed to register for any future programs until all obligations have been satisfied. This includes participation in this year's conditioning sessions.
8. Goalie Discount: The **base** registration fee will be reduced again this year for those Squirt, Pee wee, Bantam and Midget players who commit to playing goalie for the season; however, **you must provide your own goalie equipment**. This is a continuation of the pilot program with the purpose of enticing players to become goaltenders. The family will still be responsible for USA hockey registration, registration raffle tickets, fulfilling the snack bar commitment, a portion of the base registration fee and any applicable Tier assessment fees.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. We will try to accommodate all players that wish to play goalie on all levels. However, if there is an abundance of players wishing to play goalie at a particular level, consideration will be given to goalies that have been previously registered with SYHI prior to any goalies new to SYHI. All goalies in this situation will have the option to choose to play the season as a regular skater at the skater registration fee.
 2. Any player that does not register as a goalie, but decides they would like to change his/her playing status to goalie during the season, will have to be approved by the SYHI Board of Directors. The Board of Directors determines specific team sizes following physical registration, based on the number of goalies and skaters that have registered.
9. SYHI raffle tickets will be distributed again this year. The raffle will be held on December 9, 2009 at 7pm in the Weibel Rink. Please see the Registration Raffle Section for details.
10. **All coaches are required to:**
- a. have an up-to-date level appropriate coaching card
 - b. be registered with USA Hockey (at their own expense) prior to their pre-season coaching interviews
 - c. fill out a coach's screening form.
- USA Hockey Registration can be done online at www.usahockey.com. Anyone who plans on helping out on the bench, **must** attend the coaching clinics and attain the appropriate age-level coaching certification. All managers, and on-ice helpers must be registered and insured with USA Hockey. There is a separate form contained in this packet for any adult wishing to volunteer for any of these positions. Coaching seminars are held periodically during the beginning of the season, and are posted outside the snack bar and on the USA Hockey website (www.usahockey.com). **This policy will be strictly enforced.**



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11. Again this year, there will be a limit of 10 snack bar hours credited to any family above the original 25 Hours required as part of registration agreement. If desired, any portion of these additional hours can be donated to another family or team coach at the end of the season.
12. On October 17, 2009 Saratoga will host the 5th Annual Allegiance Bowl at Saratoga Springs High School. Each year, the Allegiance bowl committee brings a spotlight to the Saratoga Springs area and NCAA collegiate football. This year's game will be between Army and Mansfield University. Each year the proceeds from the game are donated to an area youth organization. This year Saratoga Youth Hockey and the Saratoga Figure Skating club have been chosen as the recipients of the proceeds. SYHI Families will receive 4 tickets to the game at registration, so come down to the game and support Saratoga Youth Hockey, the Saratoga community, and collegiate football! (Additional tickets can be purchased at registration or through the Board of Directors).

We look forward to seeing everyone in September!



See you on the ice!

Sincerely,

**Board of Directors
Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc.**



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Saratoga Youth Hockey Player Classification Terminology and Definitions:

Division Eligibility Table – 2009/2010 Age Classifications

Youth Teams

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division
1991 - 1994	15 – 18 years	Midget 18 or under
1993 - 1994	15 – 16 years	Midget 16 or under
1995 - 1996	13 – 14 years	Bantam 14 or under
1997 - 1998	11 – 12 years	PeeWee 12 or under
1999 - 2000	9 – 10 years	Squirt 10 or under
2001 & younger	8 & under	Mite 8 or under

Termite (4-8):

1st year player with little or no skating or hockey experience. This year our termite sessions will be held once per week and will focus on developing skating ability.

Mite (age 4-8):

Cross-ice:

Players with prior skating experience (1 year or less). These players will meet twice a week and will divide into teams that will play each other. This division will utilize only half of the ice surface in order to focus on the development of skating and hockey skills.

Full-ice:

Players with 1 year or more hockey/skating experience. This division will also meet twice a week and will also divide into teams. This division will utilize the full ice surface, and may travel to areas organizations to play mite teams of similar skill level. This team will have the option to add 6 home games against area opponents to their schedule.

Mite “A”:

A travel team for players with 1 year or more hockey/skating experience. There will be a tryout for this team. Players not selected for this team will play in the full-ice division. This team will play other “A” level mite teams within a 3-hour travel radius.

NOTE: The mite registration fee listed in this packet is based on the cross-ice player division. Any players that are selected to play on the Mite ‘A’ team will be assessed an additional fee following the selection of that team. The assessment fee will include costs for referees, 2 travel jerseys and additional ice time for home games. There may be an additional assessment fee for the cross-ice division if additional ice time and referees are used.

All player divisions higher than the mite level are considered travel teams. Some teams travel more than others. The “A” level teams are the highest level, followed by the “B” teams and then the “C” teams. The “A” level teams are “tournament bound” which means they represent Saratoga Youth Hockey in the New York State tournaments held each year in February and March. The “B” level teams are enrolled in the “Patriot League” which is a league of B level teams throughout New England that play each other during the season culminating in a tournament held in March. The “C” level teams also travel throughout New England and New York playing teams of similar skill level. The registration fees for divisions Squirt and above are based on the “C” division. Any player selected to either an “A” level team or a “B” level team will be assessed an additional fee following the selection of those teams.



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Squirt (age 9-10):

Players in this division will have 2 practices per week and 1 or more games per weekend. There will be an “A” level team, “B” level team, and “C” level team based on the number of players registered at this division.

Peewee (age 11-12):

Players in this division will have 2 practices per week and 1 or more games per weekend. There will be an “A” level team, “B” level team, and “C” level team based on the number of players registered at this division.

Bantam (13-14):

Players in this division will have 2 practices per week and 1 or more games per weekend. There will be an “A” level team, “B” level team, and “C” level team based on the number of players registered at this division.

Midget (age 15-18):

Midget Full:

Players 15 to 18 years of age that will not be playing on a high school level team. This team will participate in the New England Midget Hockey League (NEMHL), and will play other midget level teams in this league and within a 3 hour radius. **There will be an assessment for this team**, once the team is formed, to participate league games, and in the tournament and banquet held by the NEMHL at the end of the season. This is a full year team whose season begins in September and ends in March.

Midget 16U (Before high school):

This team is formed for high school age players looking to play hockey before their high school hockey season begins in November. There will be a tryout for this team in August and the season will run from August to November. The fee for this team includes the cost of one jersey, practice ice, ice and referee costs for 6 home games. There will be an additional fee should the team decide to host a home tournament.

Other terms:

NYSAHA : New York State Amateur Hockey Association

SYHI : Saratoga Youth Hockey Inc.

Saratoga Youth Hockey is a member of USA Hockey and follows the rules and regulations set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide Book. Saratoga Youth Hockey is also a member of NYSAHA and follows the rules and regulation specified in the NYSAHA Annual Guide book. SYHI is classified as a Tier II organization within the NYSAHA based on the size of our organization.



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Registration Procedures

All registration forms should be completed and brought to one of the physical registrations listed below. A completed registration packet must accompany each skater:

- Form A.** Enrollment Contract.
- Form B.** Medical Release.
- Form C.** USA Hockey Waiver Form.
- Form D.** Code of Conduct.
- Form E.** USA hockey registration receipt or enrollment form.
- Form F.** NYSAHA Player Commitment Form
- Form G.** Glens Falls Civic Center Waiver

These forms are available for download on the Saratoga Youth Hockey website (www.saratogahockey.org).

Registration Payment/ Payment Plan

The SYHI Board recognizes that the rising costs of registration could present a burden to some families. This year we will continue the payment plan program. The payment plan option allows families to pay the registration fees in two stages: half at physical registration in September, and the remaining balance by November 30, 2009. The cost of using this plan is an additional **\$10 service fee that will appear on the statement** sent out prior to the November 30 payment deadline. All prior season balances must be **paid in full** by registration. Any family that did not meet the payment plan requirements for the previous season will not be able to participate in the payment plan for this season. Registration fee payments can be made via check, cash, or money order. Each family will be responsible, at a minimum, to pay half of their balance for the 2009-2010 winter program at physical registration. The payment of one-half of the total fees owed for the winter program at physical registration is **non-refundable**.

There will be an additional **\$10 service charge** assessed to any account that reflects a balance due after December 15, 2009. Balances can be paid off at any time prior to the due date. Any accounts that remain open after the final service charge has been assessed **will result in the exemption of all on-ice participation until all financial obligations are met. After January 1, 2010 there will be NO REFUNDS of registration fees, including refunds due to injury.**

Physical Registration

Physical registration will take place in the lobby of the Weibel Ave rink on the following dates and times:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Tuesday	September 8, 2009	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday	September 9, 2009	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

It is strongly recommended that all parents/guardians and players attend the physical registration in order to facilitate timely processing of all registration forms, and in order to get all players ready for on-ice activities as soon as possible. **Players will not be allowed to participate in on-ice activities until registration forms have been processed.** Physical registration is a great opportunity for players and parents to meet the members of the board of directors and to have any questions answered. If you are unable to attend physical registration, please contact the registrar, Linda Huck (lhuck@nycap.rr.com, or 581-9402) to make other arrangements.



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Tryouts

Travel team tryouts will be conducted for the Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, and Bantam divisions. **You must attend all applicable tryouts to be considered for the team.** Tryout dates for all divisions will be announced prior to the start of the season. A non-refundable tryout fee of **\$25** will be collected at the door on the **first** night of the specific tryout (“A” level or “B” level). The tryout fees are needed to cover the cost of ice time used for the tryout process. Please keep in mind that tryout fees **are not** included in the registration fees in this packet. A player that tries out for an “A” team and is not selected, will have to pay the tryout fee for the “B” team. (Refer to team level definition at the beginning of the packet).

*****All A & B team tryouts for Squirts, Pee wees, Bantams and Midget 16U will
***** be closed to parents and the public.*****

Returned Check Charges

There will be a **\$25 returned check charge** for any checks returned. After that, all fees will be required to be paid by cash or cashier’s check.

Discounts

1. The snack bar assessment will be waived for any family that agrees to work 25 snack bar hours (8 hours for **Termite and Midget 16U** families that have **only Termite and/or Midget 16U players in the program**). Please note that snack bar hours are also earned by working assigned positions during each of SYHI’s home tournaments, as well as in the snack bar itself. Our snack bar is one of the fundraisers that help to keep our registration costs low.
2. A multiple child discount is available for those families that have more than one child in the program. The second child’s fee is discounted by \$25; the third child’s fee is discounted by \$100, and the fourth child and beyond will have their base registration waived, but will have to pay the cost of the jerseys. The free child discount will apply to the child(ren) with the least registration fee owed.
Example: If you have four children in the program: 1 Bantam, 1 Pee wee, 1 Mite, and 1 Termite, the Termite would have his/her base registration fee waived, but would pay the cost for a Termite jersey.
3. Again this year the base registration fee will be reduced for those Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget players who commit to playing goalie for the season. In order to take advantage of this option, each goalie must provide his/her own goalie equipment and must register as a goalie at the beginning of the season. Any player that wishes to change his/her player position to goalie needs to have the approval of the Board of Directors. (The number of goalies and players per team is determined at the beginning of the season based on player registration.) The family will still be responsible for USA Hockey registration and insurance, registration raffle tickets, snack bar assessment fees, a portion of the base registration fee and travel team assessment fees.

Snack Bar Assessment

Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. will operate the snack bar at the Wiebel Avenue rink again this year. Each family chooses whether to pay the snack bar assessment fee or to volunteer to work in the snack bar during the course of the season (see table below). If you elect to work the snack bar and you do not fulfill your 25-hour or 8-hour commitment, you will be billed at the end of the season at the rate of \$17 for each hour not worked. Payment for all hours not worked is due by 6/15/10. It is the snack bar policy that anyone who signs up to work an allotted time slot and does not work that time will have that amount of time added to their current snack bar hour balance, unless the worker finds a replacement to cover the time slot. Please use the table below to determine your assessment. **No family will be credited with more than 10 additional volunteer hours worked.** Families that work additional hours will



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have the opportunity to donate these additional hours or any portion thereof to coaches or other families. Forms to donate extra hours will be available in March in the snack bar.

	Current Assessment	Hours needed to be worked
TERMITE and/or Midget 16U with only TERMITE and/or Midget 16U players in the program	\$136	8
All other families	\$425	25

Registration Raffle

A portion of your registration fees includes fundraising raffle tickets at a cost of \$150. Each family will be given 30 tickets. Each ticket is worth \$5 with one drawing to be held on Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 7:00p.m. at the Wiebel rink. A total of \$5,000 in prizes will be given away as follows:

- 1 \$1,000 grand prize
- 1 \$750 second prize
- 1 \$500 third prize
- 11 \$250 prizes

Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Jerseys

This year all registration fees include jerseys. All team players will receive a set of home and away jerseys and matching hockey socks, **except** the Termite and Mite House (cross-ice/full ice) teams. The Termite and Mite House teams will receive one jersey.

Code of Conduct

Membership in the SHYI organization is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. For all participants and parents this also means certain responsibilities. All players and coaches will be required to sign a code of conduct agreement, outlining behavior that will not be tolerated. Coaches are encouraged to add team-specific guidelines and rules. For parents and guardians, verbal and physical abuse of coaches, officials, fans or players will not be tolerated. Interference or any action causing game play to stop is not permitted. Consequences **may** include suspension of privilege of attending games, suspension of the player and/or appearance before a disciplinary committee.

“A” Level Travel Teams

There will be an assessment fee for all players selected for an “A” level team of **\$100 (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)**. **Midget Full** will be assessed a (TBD) fee to participate in the NEMHL League. This assessment fee is to help pay the home tournament fees and the fees associated with attending the state tournaments at the end of the season. The “A” Level assessment fee will be billed to the appropriate families once the teams have been selected. The **Mite “A”** team will have a separate (TBD) assessment (see Mite A section for more details).



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“B” Level Travel Teams

There will be an assessment (TBD) for all players selected for a “B” Level travel team (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam) to register these teams in the New York/New England Patriot League. The “B” Level assessment fee will be billed to the appropriate families once the teams have been selected.

“C” Level Travel Teams

There will not be an assessment for all players playing on a “C” Level travel team (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam).

Mite cross-ice/full-ice

The registration fee is based on the fees associated with the cross-ice program. There may be an additional assessment for those players playing on the full-ice teams should the team decide to add 6 home games to their season. Also included in the registration fee are mite conditioning sessions held periodically throughout the season. These sessions are open to all mite players.

Mite “A” Team

There will be open tryouts for the Mite “A” team **if registration numbers support the selection of this team**. If your child is selected for the Mite “A” team there will be a **travel team assessment**, which will be billed as soon as the team has been selected. The mite base registration fee is calculated based on the mite house practices and jerseys. The Mite A assessment fee includes additional ice fees for games and practices, referee fees and the difference between the Mite House jersey cost and the home/away jersey sets for the travel teams.

Midget 16U

There will be open tryouts Midget 16U team this year for players born in 1993 or 1994. **This is not the same as the full season Midget NEMHL team**. This team will begin its season in August and play until the beginning of November. Since this is an SYHI sponsored team, participants on this team will be expected to purchase the SYHI raffle tickets, and will be required to work or pay 8 hours of snack bar time. Full payment for this team is due prior to October 15, 2009. The SYHI goalie discount does not apply to Midget 16U players.

Registration Fee Table

Please use the following fee table to determine your total due at physical registration. Note that the “A” & “B” level assessments, Mite “A” assessments, Mite “B” assessments, and Midget NEMHL assessments are additional costs and will be billed to appropriate families separately. Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget players who commit to playing goalie for the entire season may deduct a portion of the base registration fee (see below). The \$425 snack bar assessment (\$136 Termite and Midget 16U) and \$150 for registration raffle tickets is only paid once per family.

***Please note that the registration fee is based on referee fees and game ice fees for a 15 home game schedule. Those teams that wish to play more than 15 home games will be assessed additional ice and referee fees.**



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Registration fees include: jersey & sock costs, referee costs, home game ice fees, and practice ice fees

	Termite	Mite	Squirt	Pee wee	Bantam	Midget Full	Midget 16U
Registration Fee	180	455	785	820	845	895	375

To calculate your total registration fee fill in the applicable spaces below starting with oldest players:

(T- Termite, M- Mite, S- Squirt, P- PeeWee, B- Bantam, Mg- Midget, B/A- Midget 16U)

	Registration Fee	(-) Discount	Net Registration Fee
1. Player 1 (T, M, S, P, B, M, 16U)		\$0	
2. Player 2 (T, M, S, P, B, M, 16U)		\$25	
3. Player 3 (T, M, S, P, B, M, 16U)		\$100	
4. Player 4 (T, M, S, P, B, M, 16U)		FREE	\$0
5. Total net registration fee (Add net registration fees on lines 1 through 4)			
6. Goalie Discount (\$395 Squirt, \$410 Pee wee, \$425 Bantam, \$450 Midget Full)			
7. Total Adjusted Registration Fees (Subtract line 6 from line 5)			
8. Registration Raffle (Only once per family) (\$150 per family)			
9. Snack Bar Assessment (\$0 if working, \$425 if paying, \$136 if Termite or B&A)			
10. Total Registration Fees Owed (Add lines 7, 8, 9)			
11. Total line 10 minus any pre-registration fees already paid (if applicable).			
12. Total Registration Fee Due			
13. Minimum Due at Registration (50% of line 12 NON REFUNDABLE)			

Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc.
2009-2010 Winter Program Enrollment Contract
(One skater per contract please)

I hereby enroll my child (ward) as a participant in the program for the 2009-2010 winter program.

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Player's Last Name		Player's First Name		Date of Birth	e-mail address
/ / / / /					
Street Address		City		State	Zip Telephone

In consideration of the acceptance of this enrollment, I/We hereby:

1. Promise to pay Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. the established fees for this season as described in the registration packet that accompanied this agreement. All past due fee balances will be paid in full **on or before the September 2009 registration dates. Participation in on-ice activities will not be allowed until payment of all past obligations to Saratoga Youth Hockey Inc. are received.**
2. Release Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. and rink facilities used by participants in this program, and representatives and agents of the program and facilities from all liability to me or from me out of the participation of said child(ward) in the Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. program.
3. Agree never to make any claim of any nature against those indicated in "2" above on my behalf or behalf of said child(ward) for any damages or other claims resulting from participation in the Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. program.
4. Agree to indemnify and hold those indicated in "2" above harmless from any and all claims and liability of any nature by or on behalf of said child(ward) on my own behalf which might arise from participation of any child(ward) in the Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc. program.
5. Agree to read and abide by the Code of Conduct (contained in the Information Guide & Bylaws) that is available on-line at www.saratogahockey.org.

You must choose **ONE** of the following **Snack Bar** options by checking the appropriate box:

- We agree to volunteer 25 hours of work in the snack bar (8 hours for Termite and Midget 16U Program families with only Termite and/or Midget 16U players in the program). We understand that we will be billed for any hours not worked by 6/15/10, at the rate of \$17 per hour and that any allotted time that we were signed up to work and did not work without finding a replacement will be added to our hourly snack bar assessment. **We understand that we will not be credited with more than 10 additional hours volunteered over our 25-hour commitment. (See SYHI guidebook for details regarding snack bar hours).**
- We choose **NOT** to work in the snack bar and agree to pay the \$425 per family snack bar assessment (\$136 for Termite and Midget 16U Program families with only Termite and/or Midget 16U players in the program), as part of our total registration fee at the time of registration. **I/We understand that by choosing this option any hours volunteered can be donated but are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

SIGNATURES OF ONE PARENT/(GUARDIAN) REQUIRED

As a condition of enrollment, one parent (or guardian) must join SYHI. There may be only one voting member per family. Please indicate the voting member by checking the appropriate box to the left of that person's name.

Signed _____ Date _____

- Father Mother Guardian

Form B
(USA Hockey Waiver Form)

Form C
(USA Hockey Consent to Treat)

Form C-1
(NYSAHA Player Commitment Form)

Saratoga Youth Hockey, Inc.
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Coaches / Assistant Coaches / Managers
Registration Form

This form is to be filled out by all adult volunteers who have applied for a coaching position or who plan to volunteer time as an on-ice helper or manager. **ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

_____/_____/_____
Last Name First Name Date of Birth Social Security Number

_____/_____/_____/_____
Street Address City State Zip Telephone

e-mail address

Level at which you plan to participate: _____

Highest level USA Hockey coaching certification attained: _____

Date of expiration _____

Are you a USA Hockey certified Initiation Instructor: _____(yes/no)

2009-2010 USA Hockey registration confirmation number _____