

# Initiation Player Information

Welcome to the Mitchell Mustangs. In an effort to provide players with information regarding our organization, this information sheet was created.

Every association has their own unique way of doing things, Mitchell Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) makes every effort to support and follow Hockey Manitoba guidelines.

This information package should give you a guideline to how our program runs and the expectations we require throughout the year.

## **Teams -**

Initiation teams typically consist of \_\_\_ players. The number of teams created is dependent of the number of players that register in each given year. You will be sent an email letting you know what team you are on and the practice time at the beginning of the season.

## **Practices -**

Practices are typically 45 – 60 minutes of shared ice time. Practices are typically one day a week and the day and time vary from year to year. Practices will be cross-ice, half ice or stations.

## **Games -**

Games are scheduled on Saturdays and are scheduled through EMHA. Hockey Manitoba has strict guidelines with the number of games that Initiation can play. There is no score during an Initiation game as the focus is on the FUNdamentals of hockey.

## **Equipment -**

Each player will be required to provide their own equipment. A list of recommended equipment can be found at the end of this information sheet. Players will be provided a game jersey. Game jerseys must be worn during games only. Practice jerseys will be required for practice times. Jerseys are to be returned at the end of the season to their team manager. Name bars are not allowed on game jerseys.

## **Fundraising –**

There is an option for fundraising. Families may fundraise the required amount of money by the set date or can opt out of the fundraising by providing a cheque in the set amount. Please check the fundraising tab for more information. Fundraisers may change from year to year.

## FAQ's

1. What age can kids begin playing Minor Hockey?
  - The Initiation program is a developmental league for 5 and 6 year olds. Players must be the approved age by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current hockey season.
2. When is registration?
  - Registration for all players will take place in September. Please check the website for updates. [www.mitchellmustangs.ca](http://www.mitchellmustangs.ca)
3. Do you have financial assistance programs?
  - Yes, there are funding options available through Jumpstart and Kidsport. Please see \_\_\_\_\_ on our website for more information.
4. Does my child need to know how to skate to register?
  - No, there is no need to know how to skate.
5. Are we required to be at all the practices and games?
  - Yes, hockey is a team sport and commitment to the team is encouraged. We know there are times that practices and games may be missed for a variety of reasons but there is a level of commitment that is expected.
6. Do I need to complete Respect in Sport Parent Program?
  - Yes, One parent or guardian must complete this one hour online program. This is a mandatory requirement of Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba. The RIS program was implemented to provide a hockey experience built on the foundation of respect.
7. Who do I contact if I still have questions?
  - Please contact a Board member for more information. Names and contact info is listed on our website under the Executive tab.

### Required Equipment

- CSA Approved Caged Helmet
- Mouth Guard
- Neck Guard
- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Hockey Gloves
- Hockey Pants
- Jock/Jill
- Shin Pads
- Skates
- Stick
- Practice Jersey and Socks
- Equipment Bag

