



KVHA's 2010/2011 Hockey Season About to Begin – Check the Ice Schedule for Ice Times

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 24 August, 2010 – The Ice Schedule for the first week of the new hockey season has been posted to www.KentValleyHockey.com under the **Ice Schedules** tab. Team practices officially begin on Monday August 30th and run throughout the week. Future weekly schedules will likely look like this first one with minor changes or adjustments as last-minute enrollments can sometimes make it possible to add an additional team here and there. This schedule is based upon what we know about our enrollment as of this last week.

For newcomers not accustomed to Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget designations, here's the breakdown by age:

- Mites** – Ages 8 and under, birth years 2002 through 2005
- Squirts** – Ages 10 and under, birth years 2000 and 2001
- PeeWees** – Ages 12 and under, birth years 1998 and 1999
- Bantams** – Ages 14 and under, birth years 1996 and 1997
- Midgets** – Ages 18 and under, birth 1992 through 1995

Below is the official Age Classification chart from USA Hockey:

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division
1992	18 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1993	17 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1994	16 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1995	15 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1996	14 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
1997	13 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
1998	12 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
1999	11 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
2000	10 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2001	9 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2002	8 Years	Mite 8 or Under

Members will also hear teams referred to as Rec (recreation), "C", Rep (representative or travel), "B", "AA", Tier-II, "AAA" and Tier-I. Rec teams are recreation teams that play in the local North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL). Rep teams are representative teams that play in a state-wide Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) league against teams from Kitsap County (Bremerton), Everett, Pierce County (Spanaway), Puget Sound (Tacoma), Seattle Jr., SnoKing, Spokane, Wenatchee, Tri-Cities and Whatcom (Bellingham).

Rec teams can also be referred to as "C" teams. Our KVHA Rec teams are generally named Tornadoes, Hurricanes and Storm. Occasionally we form a "B" (Storm) team from the most skilled players from two Rec or "C" teams. None of the teams in the Rec category compete for national titles.

Rep teams can also be referred to as "B", "A", "AA" or "AAA" as well as Tier-II and Tier-I. Our KVHA Rep teams are generally named Selects ("AA" and Tier-II) and Elite, or Rainiers ("AAA" and Tier-I). "B" and "A" are the least skilled of the Rep teams with "AAA" and Tier-I being the highest or elite skilled Rep teams. Some of our KVHA Rep teams may play only a tournament schedule and not participate in PNAHA league play.

Our Rec teams for the 2010/2011 season are:

- Mite Rec Tornadoes** – Coached by Steve Mertel
- Squirt Rec Tornadoes** – Coached by Tim Higgins
- PeeWee Rec Tornadoes** – Coached by Jeff Alonzo

Bantam Rec Tornadoes – Coached by Issac Van Mechelen
Midget Rec Tornadoes – Coached by Chuck Cadiente

Our Rep teams for the 2010/2011 season are:

PeeWee Tier-II Selects – Coached by Adam Speer
Bantam Tier-II Selects – Coached by Derek Pizzey
Bantam '96 Tier-I Rainiers – Coached by Lloyd Degelman
Midget U-18 Tier-II Selects – Coached by Jay Johnston & Danny Lorenz

Again, are current lineup of teams is based on current enrollment. A last minute influx of new enrollments this week could result in an additional team or two. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Danny Lorenz, Hockey Director, at (253) 850-2400 ext. 14.

Quote of the Day

"If you take your eyes off Gretzky, he'll bank it off your skate, your back, your helmet or your wife. I could hang a nickel in the net and he'd hit it every time."

Floyd Whitney, Edmonton Oilers Practice Goalie

Welcome back to youth hockey!

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