

# 2022-2023 U5 and U6 Parent Meeting

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### Season Format

Each child will be assigned to a team. U5 teams will be made up entirely of 2018-born skaters, and U6 teams will be made up entirely of 2017-born skaters. There will be no formal evaluations for U5 and U6. Teams are simply used to distribute uniforms and for splitting skaters up for drills.

The U5 and U6 programs will be delivered by Mike Cormier, with the assistance of parent volunteer On-Ice Helpers. All those on the ice will be certified using the OMHA criteria.

Blue pucks will be used for all U5 and U6 activities. All scrimmages/games played will be cross-ice, as per OMHA and Hockey Canada requirements.

#### Team Schedule & Webpage

Ice time starts Saturday, September 24th. The schedule for the season is:

U5 (2018-born skaters): Saturdays, 8:00am-8:50am U6 (2017-born skaters): Saturdays, 9:00am-9:50am

ALL SKATERS: Sundays, 8:00am-8:50am

All ice times will be on the South Ice Pad.

Each team has its own webpage on the DMHA site: <a href="http://dorchesterdragons.ca/">http://dorchesterdragons.ca/</a> Your team schedule has been posted to this site.

Please sign up for text messages or email messages. You will be notified if a change occurs. Select your division/team from the home page. Scroll down to the bottom on the left side and select "manage subscriptions". See below.

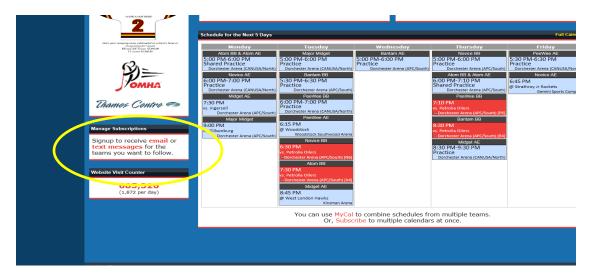
We also recommend that you subscribe to your division/team calendar. Select your division/team from the home page. Scroll down to the bottom in the middle and select "Subscribe".



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Please review the online schedule for dates where there will be no hockey. We have several dates "blacked out" throughout the season. Reminders will be sent by email and posted on the website.





## On-Ice Helpers

All On-Ice Helper positions for U6 have now been filled. If there are additional parents interested in U5 positions, please respond to the email regarding bond positions for U5 and U6. All On-Ice Helpers will be parents of the age group they are assisting with, and must have completed the following:

- 1) Police Vulnerable Sector Check (valid for 3 years) or a Criminal Defense Declaration
- 2) Respect in Sport Activity Leader module
- 3) Gender Identity and Expression Training module



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#### **Bond Hours**

You are required to complete a minimum of 1 bond job per child registered with DMHA, to a maximum of 2 bond jobs. To sign up for bond positions, please refer to the DMHA website – BONDS/VOLUNTEERS Bond positions specific to the U5 and U6 programs may become available throughout the season, and will be emailed out. The On-Ice Helper position, Program Coordinator position, and Uniform/Name Bar Assistants count for one bond job.

### Name Bars

You will have the opportunity to order a name bar for the back of your child's jersey. We will be taking orders and payment for name bars during uniform pick-up. The cost is \$12.

#### **Yellow Tickets**

During registration, you paid \$100 for our yellow ticket. Lottery fundraiser. Yellow tickets will be distributed in October.

You can sell these tickets (keep the money you make) or fill them out yourself. Completed tickets need to be dropped into the black drop box between the two rinks (hanging on the mural wall by the doors to the South rink, beside the schedule TV). The first draw is Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Please submit your tickets before that date.

#### **Special Events**

Each year we try to arrange for at least one Special Event for the players. In the past, these have included jamborees (one day tournaments) and London Knights intermission skates. More information will follow as the season gets underway.

#### Uniforms

Children will be required to have the full equipment including a mouth guard. Names should be labelled on helmets and sticks. Helmet names should be visible for the coaches to easily address your child by name. Jerseys and socks are provided by the DMHA. Uniform pick-up will take place on Sunday, September 11th, 6:00pm-6:45pm, Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-6:45pm, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-9:00am and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-8:00am. Make sure your child has the proper size stick. Please also ensure that your child's equipment fits properly.

### Respect In Sport

One parent for each skater must complete the Respect In Sport module online. More information can be found on the DMHA website here: <a href="http://dorchesterdragons.ca/Pages/3670/Respect\_in\_Sport/">http://dorchesterdragons.ca/Pages/3670/Respect\_in\_Sport/</a>. The RIS must be completed before November 1st. You do not need to notify us once you have completed the RIS course. You do not have to do the RIS course again if you have already completed it. The cost of this module is the responsibility of the parent.

#### Picture Day

Picture Day will (most likely) be scheduled in late November. More details will follow by email.