

2024/2025 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 2020-born skaters, and U6 teams will be made up entirely of 2019-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.

Team Schedule & Webpage

Ice time starts Saturday, September 14. The schedule for the season is: U5 (2020-born skaters): Saturdays, 8:00am-8:50am and Sundays, 8:00am-8:50am U6 (2019-born skaters): Saturdays, 9:00am-9:50am and Sundays, 8:00am-8:50am

All ice times will be on the South Ice Pad. (APC)

Each team has its own webpage on the DMHA site: http://dorchesterdragons.ca/ Your team schedule has been posted to this site.

Please sign up for email notifications. You will be notified if a change occurs. Scroll to the bottom of the main page. Select "Subscribe" and click on "Email Notifications". Follow the instructions to add email notifications for the team(s) you want updates for.

We also recommend you subscribe to your division/team calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the main page. Select "Subscribe" and click on "Calendar Subscriptions". Select your team(s) from the drop-down menu. You will be provided with a webcal address. Open this link on your phone for the dates to be added to your personal calendar.

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 U5 and U6 have now been filled. All On-Ice Helpers will be parents of the age group they are assisting with, and must have completed the following:

- 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

Bond Hours

You are required to complete 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. All bond positions count as one bond excluding on-ice helpers and the Program Coordinator position, which counts as 2 bonds.

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 1st. 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 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 labeled on helmets and sticks. Helmet names should be visible for the coaches to easily address your child by name. Please make sure your child has the proper size stick and also ensure that your child's equipment fits properly. Jerseys and socks are provided by the DMHA.

Uniform pick-up will take place on: Sunday, September 8, 6:00pm-6:45pm Friday, September 13, 5:30pm - 6:15pm Saturday, September 14, 7:30am-9:00am and Sunday, September 15, 7:30am-8:00am.

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.

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: Respect In Sport
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.

Questions