



Teton Valley Foundation Cutthroats Youth Hockey Program 2023 - 2024

Welcome Cutthroats! Pre-registration for our 2023/2024 Youth Hockey Season opens August 1, 2023. Programs this year start Oct 16, 2023 for Squirt, Peewee, and High School age divisions. Start date for Girls, Mini, Mite is November 6th, 2023. Please see the option for additional early ice add on for Mini-Mite and Mite age divisions when registering. Impact baseline testing for concussion protocol must be completed prior to first on ice practice for Peewee, Bantam, and High School age divisions. Testing can be completed online using the Cutthroats code at the following website:

IMPACTTESTONLINE.COM/TESTING Impact testing code: K8591N42KH

All registration prices increase September 1st 2023.

Practice Schedule

Girls: Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Season Start date November 6, 2023

Mini-mites: Monday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Season start date November 6, 2023

Mites: Monday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Season start date November 6, 2023

Squirts: Monday 5:15 - 6:15 pm, & Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Season start date October 16, 2023

Peewee Gold: Monday 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm, & Thursday 6:45 - 7:45 pm, Season start date October 16, 2023

Peewee Silver: Monday 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 pm, & Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Season start date October 16, 2023

Bantams: Monday 7:45 - 8:45 pm, Wednesday 4:45 - 5:45 pm, & Thursday 6:00 - 7:15 am, Season start date October 16, 2023

High School: Monday 9:00 - 10:00 pm, Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 pm, & Thursday 6:00 - 7:15 am, Season start date October 16, 2023

Add-on options:

Mini-mites 6U & Mites 8U: October ice beginning 10/16

Girls playing coed - option to add on girls only program \$100

Bantam (2nd year) - option to add on High School Practices \$250

Tryouts for Peewee teams - Selection Process

For the upcoming 2023/2024 season the 12U Peewee players will have an opportunity to try out for the Peewee Gold team. Both teams will travel, have equal practice time and be charged equal registration dues. The Peewee Gold team will have the chance to compete at a higher level of play throughout the season. We will be hosting tryouts to select this team during the week of October 16th, 2023. Scheduled tryout dates are: Monday October 16th, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Tuesday October 17th, 4:00 - 5:00pm, and Thursday October 19th, 6:45 - 7:45pm.

The tryout process will consist of the following components:

- Over the course of the tryouts, the coaches, coach developers, and the Cutthroats head skills coach will evaluate the kids on a variety of hockey skills (e.g., skating, edge control, and stick handling.)
- When the on ice tryout session has finished, the on ice evaluators and the Youth Hockey Director will meet to discuss and create both teams.
- Teams (Peewee Gold & Peewee Silver) will be announced via email on Friday the 20th.

Additional Information

1. **Refunds:**
 - a. **Illness refund:** Should our season be canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a prorated refund will be issued commensurate with point of season.
 - b. **Injury refund policy:** Once your child has attended two practices or more, the only refunds available are for medical conditions.
 - i. Prior to January 1 medical refunds for the entire registration fee will be given at the amount of 50% straight refund or 75% to be used towards other rink programming.
 - ii. After January 1 medical refunds for the entire registration fee will be given at the amount of 25% straight refund or 50% to be used towards other rink programming.
 - iii. NO medical refunds will be made after January 31.
 - c. **One practice policy:** We understand that sometimes a program doesn't end up matching the needs of a child. Your child can attend ONE practice and still receive a full refund if the program does not meet their needs.
2. **Practice Jerseys:** One practice jersey will be provided for all skaters their first season with the Cutthroats. Practice jerseys are also offered for sale at the pro-shop all season.
3. **Rental Equipment:** We offer rental equipment for \$75 to participants enrolled in Girls, Mini-Mites, Mites, or Squirts. Equipment included in season package rental is as follows: Helmet, Shoulder pads, Elbow pads, Gloves, Breezers, and Shin guards. Not included, but required: Stick, Skates, Hockey socks, and mouthguard. We sell Mouthguards, Hockey socks, and offer rental skates for a per session fee.
4. **Communication:** Email is our preferred method of communication. Please be sure the email you include on your child's online registration is one that is checked frequently. We have also created a Facebook page to help distribute information - Please like and follow "Teton Valley Cutthroats Youth Hockey" to stay up to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your age group's Parent Manager first.

Volunteer Hour Requirements

VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT: In order to continue developing our nonprofit Youth Hockey program, parents are required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per skater. Mini-mite skaters (6 and under) are only required to volunteer five hours. While many of our volunteer opportunities are offered during the winter season, our organization has ways to volunteer year round! Opportunities include coaching, supporting tournaments, fundraising, being a team manager, and more. For families with multiple children registered with the Cutthroats, the deposit and the volunteer hours commitment will be capped at 2 children. A \$200 deposit per child (maximum deposit \$400) in the form of **CHECK written to 'Teton Valley Foundation'** will be held, but not cashed, to insure this commitment by all families. When the volunteer hours are completed, the check will be shredded. **If volunteer hours are not completed and reported by Friday, March 29th, 2024, the deposit will be cashed and donated to Cutthroats Youth Hockey the following Monday.**

Please note:

- Volunteer deposit must be in hand **before** the first practice in order for your child to participate.
- Please make check out to: Teton Valley Foundation. Check Date: March 29th, 2024
- Checks can be dropped off at Gear Pick Up (date: TBD), given to your team manager or mailed to TVF at PO Box 50, Victor ID 83455
- EXEMPTIONS:
 - 1. Coaches who have coached two seasons or more for the Cutthroats Organization and are currently coaching for the 2023-2024 season are exempt from this deposit.
 - 2. If you have more than two kids participating in the program the third child is exempt. We have capped this deposit at 2 players or \$400.

Recommendations

1. Online Impact concussion testing is available after you complete Cutthroats registration. Testing can be completed online using the Cutthroats' code at the following website: IMPACTTESTONLINE.COM/TESTING **Impact testing code: K8591N42KH** The online test is for Peewee, Bantam and High School skaters. The registered player needs to complete the baseline test online. The test should take about 20-25 minutes to complete and is required by the USA Hockey safesport and the Cutthroats Youth Hockey Program. *Baseline testing needs to be completed for all peewee, bantam and high school players prior to stepping on the ice for any YH Programs starting October 16th.*
2. Black protective gear: To present a unified look during travel events, we're asking parents to try to purchase all black protective gear. We understand that it is an expensive process to replace equipment, so this is not required, but would appreciate consideration in this regard when purchasing new equipment.
3. Pure Hockey is offering our program discounted gear purchases through their 'Learn to Play' program. This program offers individual pieces or a 'head to toe' package of smaller sized gear (usually squirt age and under). The link to this store will be provided to registered families via email once it opens online.
4. 23-24 Camps offered to Cutthroat skaters on our home ice:
 - a. **Goalie Camp: October 21 - 22 - Registration open now.** This camp is hosted by the Cutthroats and will be coached by Jim Stanaway from Goalies Inc. This is a great opportunity for all of our goalies to get some specified goalie training on our home ice from one of the best goalie coaches out there.
 - b. **Overspeed Hockey Camp:** The third annual Teton Thanksgiving Skills camp is happening this year on **November 17 - 19, 2023**. The overspeed coaches are an extraordinary group of high level professional coaches, who cover a wide range of skills, focused on skating and puck handling. Visit Overspeedhockey.com to register!

- c. **Val Manchak Power Skating and 19U Girl's camps:** Val Manchak will be hosting co-ed and girls only sessions on our home ice **October 13 - 15, 2023 and November 3 - 5, 2023**. Val is a former professional hockey player, with a depth of knowledge and understanding of the game. Her clinics are focused on power skating, edge work, and adapted well for the specified age groups. Registration information will be circulated shortly!