

The Faribault Hockey Association is gearing up for another season. Registration is Thursday night, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Faribault Ice Arena from 6:00 to 8:30, with practices beginning the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>. The FHA organizes teams for both boys and girls from ages 4 to 16. All youth are welcome whether they know how to skate or not. Youth hockey can be an affordable alternative to wintertime blues. The FHA, through its volunteerism and fundraising, is able to keep fees below many of our neighboring associations. Again this year, for example, all first time skaters, ten years old and below, will pay a fee of only \$50. The Faribault Hockey Association continues to offer an equipment program which results in free use of all equipment for skaters in the Mini-Mite (5/6 years old) up through the Mite and girls U8 programs (7/8 years old). To learn more about the FHA, visit [www.faribault hockey.com](http://www.faribault hockey.com) or attend registration night. There will be multiple sessions, hosted by FHA members, to help explain the program in more detail and answer your questions.

If your son or daughter is interested in skating, or if you are looking for a way to get them away from the video games and television this winter, consider trying out hockey. With the parent network, it isn't only good for the kids! Meet other families with children, watch your child grow and develop, and get rid of those wintertime blues!! The FHA offers various competitive levels so skaters are placed, based on tryouts, on a team that best meets their skills and abilities. Youth at the Mini-Mite level focus on learning to skate, basic stick and puck handling, and on having fun. Mite level hockey introduces the game of hockey, with friendly competition consisting of approximately a dozen games. Scores are not kept, with the goal of improving and learning to play as a team.

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