

**2016-2017**

**HUNTERDON BEARS**

**TRAVEL HOCKEY**

**TRYOUTS**



**Starting Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ Flemington Ice Arena**

**MITE/ADM - SQUIRT - PEEWEE - BANTAM - MIDGET**

**Tuition Includes:** Practice Jersey, August Bear Camp, Team Practices, League and Non-League Games, 2 Club Paid Tournaments/ Pre-Season Practices.

**Special Uniform Package for our 1st year in Flemington includes:** Home and Away Game Jerseys and Socks, Practice Socks and Pant Shell for only \$100!!!

For additional information, check out our website at- [www.HunterdonBears.com](http://www.HunterdonBears.com)

Or Email Coaching Director, Bob Mitchell @ [CoachMitchell@HunterdonBears.com](mailto:CoachMitchell@HunterdonBears.com)





## New Jersey's Premier Youth Hockey Program

### Welcome to Tryouts for our 2016-2017 season!

Please take a few moments to read these important facts about the Bears Travel Hockey Program.

All tryouts are judged by a panel of hockey coaches, including at least one independent evaluator, who is not associated with the teams being selected. There will be a minimum of three evaluators including the current coach. All players are scheduled to skate at least 2 sessions. All players may keep their Bears issued tryout jerseys. Players are identified and selected by the color and number of their tryout jersey, so please be sure to bring the Bears issued tryout jersey to each tryout session.

If for some reason you are unable to attend a session, please notify our staff and they will inform the coaches and evaluators. If we are not notified about missing a tryout, the coaches will assume that the player is not interested in returning and a roster spot will go to another player.

#### **Notification of Making the Team & Contract Signing**

All players must be prepared to sign a contract as early as the first tryout session. Please have your parents available to sign! Teams may be selected as early as the first night of tryouts. Notification of players selected for a given team will be posted in the rink's lobby windows. Players will be identified by their tryout jersey number and color.

**Immediately after roster posting, all players selected for a team will be expected to sign a contract committing to the Bears**, fill out all the necessary paperwork, and pay a **non-refundable deposit** for the season. Contract signing will take place in or near the party room/pro-shop area. The Bears will accept payments via PayPal, Visa, MasterCard, Amex, as well as checks and cash. Please come to tryouts prepared to sign a contract and pay a 50% deposit (Mite-Bantam). The Bears will not hold roster spots without signed contracts and deposits paid. All balances not including Midgets will be due by July 15th. Please note that if a player is selected for a team and declines a contract offered to them, that player may be ineligible to play with Hunterdon Bears for a period of 2 years.

Based on tryout numbers, we do reserve the right to ask some players, if necessary, to return for an additional tryout session (date and time would be announced at that levels last session).

If you have not been selected for the initial roster, you may be placed on our list of alternates. If for any reason, a player is unable to make a commitment, we will refer back to the alternate list.

#### 2016-2017 – Season Tuition amounts:

| <u>Team Level</u>          | <u>Total Tuition</u> | <u>Non-Refundable Deposit</u> | <u>Balance Due July 15th</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mite/ADM                   | \$1,250.00           | \$625.00                      | \$625.00                     |
| Squirt                     | \$2,950.00           | \$1,475.00                    | \$1,475.00                   |
| Pee Wee                    | \$3,450.00           | \$1,725.00                    | \$1,725.00                   |
| Bantam                     | \$3,450.00           | \$1,725.00                    | \$1,725.00                   |
| Midget – Short Season      | \$2,375.00           | N/A                           | Total Due at signing         |
| Taxi-Player Squirt         | \$1,250.00           | N/A                           | Total Due at signing         |
| Taxi-Player Pee Wee-Midget | \$1,700.00           | N/A                           | Total Due at signing         |



For the 2016-2017 Season only, game jerseys, game socks and practice socks are being offered for only \$100!! Practice jerseys will be provided by the Bears at Tryouts. Additional costs will include tournament fees, hotel stays, required Bears "spirit-wear." All Bear players are required to wear BLACK HELMETS as part of their uniform. The Bears will provide Helmet Decals.

### **Mandatory Team Meeting**

There will be a mandatory team meeting. Date and time will be announced shortly after the selection of the teams and once player contracts have been signed. At least one parent MUST be present at the meeting. This meeting will be held at in the party room area of the Flemington Ice Arena. At this meeting, players will be fitted for their jerseys and orders will be accepted for the required SPIRIT WEAR.

### **Season Schedule**

**Spring** – All Teams will have several team skate/practice sessions soon after tryouts are concluded. The purpose of these sessions are to meet the coaches and allow them to further evaluate skill level to ensure proper NJYHL declaration levels.

**July** – Mite-Bantam – Teams are off and do not have practice.

**August** – All Teams – Will have one practice per week starting in the first week of August and leading up to Bears Camp which is the week of August 22<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**July thru Season End – Midgets** – Practices begin in mid-July with 1-2 practices a week and possibly a tournament. League play begins mid-August and is scheduled thru mid-November when the High School season starts but may continue into December if needed to complete league play. "AA" teams will have playoffs in early December, "A" teams will have playoff's end of February.

**September thru Season End – All Teams** – Expect a minimum of 2 practices a week throughout the league season (practices may be shared with other Bears teams). Practices and/or game schedules may be subject to variation from week to week based upon ice availability from the rink. Mites begin games in late-October/early November and continue thru March. Squirt teams begin games in October and continue thru March. Bantam teams begin games in September and continue thru March.

All teams participate in tournaments each season (the number will vary depending on your team), some may be local and some may require hotel stays. In March, the Bears typically end the season with an away tournament for Mite thru Bantam teams.

### **Commitment**

Your selection and membership to the Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club will be a significant commitment on the part of the player and the player's family. In addition to weekly practices, there are two games per weekend. Games will either be at FIA or at an away rink. Occasionally, there may be two games during the same day. The Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club must be your first priority over other commitments. **We are a travel hockey club so you must be prepared to travel.**

The Bears continue to strive to make the organization the premier Tier II hockey club in Central New Jersey. As a volunteer non-profit organization we are ALWAYS in need of volunteers for various committees, etc. We rely heavily on our membership to support the organization.

We hope you will carefully consider all this information before making the commitment. It is the hope of the Bears Organization to have only players and families who are truly willing to make the Bears a positive experience for all. The Bears coaching staff and Board of Directors are fully committed to making this the best possible experience for your family. The Bears look forward to you becoming part of the experience and thank you in advance for helping make the Bears a success!

Yours in hockey,

The Hunterdon Bears Board of Directors



**2016-2017 HUNTERDON BEARS TRYOUT REGISTRATION FORM**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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1<sup>st</sup> Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

2015 - 2016 Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Players Experience (circle all that apply)**

Travel AAA    Travel AA    Travel A    Travel B    House League    Cross-Ice

**Position you are trying out for with the Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club (circle one):**

Goalie                      Forward                      Defense

**Level you are trying out for with the Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club (circle one):**

Mite-ADM    Mite A/AA    Squirt    Pee -Wee    Bantam    Midget U-16    Midget U-18

**High School Players only:** Will you play H.S. Hockey? (Circle one) No                      Jr. Varsity    Varsity

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tryout fees are non-refundable**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mites/ADM Evaluation                      \$35.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Squirts --- Midgets                      \$125.00    (\$150 at door)



**USA Hockey Insurance is needed**

You must provide us with a valid USA hockey registration number. If you need to register with USA Hockey visit:

[www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)

**Tryout Details**

**All Players must provide the following at the time of check-in for tryouts:**

- 1) *Copy of player's birth certificate*
- 2) *Copy of their USA Hockey Card or Registration Confirmation, you can register for the upcoming season after April 1<sup>st</sup>. ALL players MUST have a Valid 2016-2017 USA Hockey Membership .*
- 3) *Completed Consent to Treat Form (included in packet).*
- 4) *Payment of tryout fee or proof of payment.*

**Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club reserves the right to restrict or limit participation in tryouts**

**Name of Player:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my approval for the above named applicant to participate in the Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club program. I assume all risks inherent and incidental to such participation and further release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Hunterdon Bears Hockey Club, its staff or any members thereof to act for me on my behalf according to their best judgment in any emergency, or injury to my child in the event I am not available or cannot be reached.

**Signature of Parent / Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### TRYOUTS!



All tryouts will be held at the Flemington Ice Arena, 426 Case Blvd., Flemington, NJ.  
Located just off RT202 South For directions, go to [www.FlemingtonIce.com](http://www.FlemingtonIce.com)  
or visit the Bears Website [www.HunterdonBears.com](http://www.HunterdonBears.com)



**Please Arrive at Least 1 Hour Prior to Scheduled Skating Time!**

|  <b>2016-2017 Bears Hockey Tryout Schedule</b> |           |             |            |          |          |                         |      |
|---|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|------|
| Date  | Day       | Age Level   | Start Time | End Time | Duration | USA Hockey Birth Year   | Rink |
| 04/11/16  | Monday    | Mite/Squirt | 5:15PM     | 6:15PM   | 1 hour   | '10, '09, '08, '07, '06 | FIA  |
| 04/11/16  | Monday    | PeeWee      | 6:25PM     | 7:25PM   | 1 hour   | '05, '04                | FIA  |
| 04/11/16  | Monday    | Bantam      | 7:35PM     | 8:35PM   | 1 hour   | '03, '02                | FIA  |
| 04/11/16  | Monday    | Midget U16  | 8:45PM     | 9:45PM   | 1 hour   | '01, '00                | FIA  |
| 04/11/16  | Monday    | Midget U18  | 9:55PM     | 10:55PM  | 1 hour   | '99-'98                 | FIA  |
| 04/12/16  | Tuesday   | Mite/Squirt | 5:15PM     | 6:15PM   | 1 hour   | '10, '09, '08, '07, '06 | FIA  |
| 04/12/16  | Tuesday   | PeeWee      | 6:25PM     | 7:25PM   | 1 hour   | '05, '04                | FIA  |
| 04/12/16  | Tuesday   | Bantam      | 7:35PM     | 8:35PM   | 1 hour   | '03, '02                | FIA  |
| 04/12/16  | Tuesday   | Midget U16  | 8:45PM     | 9:45PM   | 1 hour   | '01, '00                | FIA  |
| 04/12/16  | Tuesday   | Midget U18  | 9:55PM     | 10:55PM  | 1 hour   | '99-'98                 | FIA  |
| 04/13/16  | Wednesday | Mite/Squirt | 5:15PM     | 6:15PM   | 1 hour   | '10, '09, '08, '07, '06 | FIA  |
| 04/13/16  | Wednesday | PeeWee      | 6:25PM     | 7:25PM   | 1 hour   | '05, '04                | FIA  |
| 04/13/16  | Wednesday | Bantam      | 7:35PM     | 8:35PM   | 1 hour   | '03, '02                | FIA  |
| 04/13/16  | Wednesday | Midget U16  | 8:45PM     | 9:45PM   | 1 hour   | '01, '00                | FIA  |
| 04/13/16  | Wednesday | Midget U18  | 9:55PM     | 10:55PM  | 1 hour   | '99-'98                 | FIA  |
| 04/14/16  | Thursday  | Mite/Squirt | 5:15PM     | 6:15PM   | 1 hour   | '10, '09, '08, '07, '06 | FIA  |
| 04/14/16  | Thursday  | PeeWee      | 6:30PM     | 7:30PM   | 1 hour   | '05, '04                | FIA  |
| 04/14/16  | Thursday  | Bantam      | 7:45PM     | 8:45PM   | 1 hour   | '03, '02                | FIA  |
| 04/14/16  | Thursday  | U16+U18     | 9:00PM     | 10:15PM  | 1 hour   | '01, '00, '99, '98      | FIA  |

**Some levels may have additional Goalies on their tryout ice. All goalies should also attend all their regularly scheduled tryout times for their levels.**

**PARENTS must attend tryouts and be prepared to sign a contract and a leave deposit, or roster spot may go to another player!**

**Players are not guaranteed to skate all sessions. Players may be eliminated from the tryout process with notification. Thursday sessions may be consolidated, depending on turnout/need. If a contract has been signed, Thursday session is optional.**

Please Pre-register for the Tryout sessions at our website- [www.HunterdonBears.com](http://www.HunterdonBears.com). Walk-in's accepted at non-discount rate.