

# FRAMINGHAM JR. FLYERS

## **Girls Program Overview, Frequently Asked Questions**

Following a successful pilot program for the 2014-2015 season, and a grant award from the Mike Cheever Grow Hockey program, Framingham Youth Hockey Program is proud to offer several options for girls-only hockey in Framingham and surrounding towns for 2015-2016.

The first option is for younger skaters or girls who are relatively new to hockey, with weekly skills and cross or half-ice girls-only games all held at Loring Arena. We are still working out the specifics of this development program but it will run for 30 weeks beginning in September. More information will be posted on the FYHP website as we get closer to the season. We can promise you the girls will have fun and they will learn a lot.

The second option is for more experienced and skilled players, with a 20-25 game schedule against other girls teams and an average of two practices per week. Tryouts for the girls travel team will be held on April 7, 2015.



### **Travel Team Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: How do I register for the travel team?

A: Go to [the FYHP Registration Page](#) and select either the U10 or U12 option depending on your skater's birth year. You have up until April 7.

Q: So there's going to be one team or two?

A: It depends on how many girls try out but probably one team. Our current plan is to field a U12 team and have higher skilled U10 age girls on the roster.

Q: What league will they play in?

A: All games are in the [Middlesex Yankee](#) league against other town girls' teams. You can check out their website to see which programs participate – it's competitive and well-run. Any tournaments or scrimmages are additional and subject to a team vote as far as participation. We're expecting a 20-15 game schedule with moderate travel for games.

Q: Can my daughter play on her regular team AND a girls team too?

A: Absolutely. We only ask that you inform the coaches as far in advance as possible when scheduling conflicts arise. We expect many girls on the U12 team to also play for their regular mixed-boys-and-girls FYHP team. Others will play only for the girls team.

Q: How will my daughter be evaluated and what happens if she doesn't make the team?

A: Our coaches will rate players based on skills and hockey sense. We want as many girls on the team as possible but in some cases it may be best for a player to get one more year of experience either in our current Beginner program or our new girls-only development program.

Q: Are there any requirements to trying out other than the age limit?

A: Your daughter must be registered with USAHockey and be in good financial standing with FYHP (if currently playing this season). We recommend that girls trying out for the U12 team have at least one season of travel team experience, but it's not a requirement.

Q: Who's the coach?

A: We have several qualified coaches and are currently selecting the right mix to lead the team next year.

Q: Do you need helpers or do you have it all covered?

A: We are a community-based organization of volunteers, and we are in a full startup mode to build a successful girls program. We are always looking for help, but especially now! We need team managers, coaches, people to sort jerseys, water bottles, set up bumpers for skills. Don't sit on the sidelines – chip in where you can. You'll be surprised how much you'll get out of it.

Q: When are the practices?

A: The team will have 30 half-ice practices and 30 half-ice skills sessions from September through March. All practices will be at Loring Arena. Days and times of the practices vary according to availability of ice.

Q: What is the cost?

A: For full-time players, we expect the tuition to be roughly \$900 for the season, an incredible value compared to similar programs in the area. We are also allowing for part-time or "alternate" players who are also on other FYHP team rosters. Alternate players will be expected to play in games and attend one practice per week (not the skills session) when their schedule allows. Tuition for this option should be in the \$450 range. There is no fee to tryout out for the team.

Q: Is the program open to girls from outside Framingham or skaters who play on other programs?

A: We welcome girls from anywhere! If your daughter is also playing for another program, please let us know – we are treating this on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Who can I contact if I have additional questions, ideas, concerns?

A: Feel free to contact:

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