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## Sharks Youth Hockey League Improvements

Sharks Ice at San Jose is proud to announce that registration for the 2011-2012 SYHL Winter Season will be available on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. All details, paperwork, and information will be published on the Youth Hockey page of our website. After a record breaking number of participants last season, we are looking for an even bigger and better campaign this season.

In order to continually improve the SYHL for 2011-2012 season, the following improvements have been put in place:

- Curtis Brown, former NHL player with the San Jose Sharks, Chicago Blackhawks and Buffalo Sabres, will be overseeing player development. He has also been working towards improving the player progress report system.
- The Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam age groups will now be subdivided into two separate skill divisions within each age group. Using the evaluation/draft process, players will be placed on teams/subdivision of their appropriate skill level. This will ensure that every child is skating with and against players of their equal skill level and will also help create parity between the teams. This improvement is also in line with USA Hockey's American Development Model. ( [www.admkids.com](http://www.admkids.com) )
- The Mini-Mite age group will follow the same format that has been used in our Mite age group the past two seasons. With the help of volunteer coaches, practices will be facilitated entirely by Sharks Ice Staff coaches, using a station format. Teams will play one cross ice game for every full ice game. This is also in line with USA Hockey's ADM.
- All Sharks Ice Staff coaches will go through an introductory officiating seminar regarding the rules and guidelines set forth by USA Hockey Officiating Program.

We feel that the following changes will improve our program and provide an enjoyable experience for all participants. For questions or more SYHL information, please contact Matt Adams, Youth Hockey Manager, at [madams@sharksice.com](mailto:madams@sharksice.com) or 408.999.6760

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