

## Mustangs A Program Overview

**\*For the upcoming season WHMHA is endeavouring to provide Mustangs teams in the following divisions; U13, U15, U18 and FEMALE U18. This offering will be based on player registration and interest as well as COVID-19 restrictions and travel guidelines-so please ensure you indicate your interest early by registering for the appropriate Mustangs Tryouts so we can plan accordingly.**



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These teams will be called the Whitehorse Mustangs. These teams will be operated with guidance from their division director and overseen by the VP of High Performance and the President of WMHA.

The Mustangs teams are competitive teams with heavy travel schedules and sizable operating budgets. The Mustangs teams practice and play home games in Whitehorse but will travel outside of Whitehorse up to 5 times per season to attend outside tournaments. These tournament weekends will entail players (and chaperones) being away from Whitehorse usually Thursday-Monday (dependent on flight schedules and other circumstances).

Players on these teams will have busy schedules and should expect to practice 2 times per week with additional dry land sessions.

Games can be on weekends or weekdays. Players will be expected to manage their time and their schoolwork in order to attend all scheduled team activities, there is a high expectation on commitment level for the Whitehorse Mustangs.

A sponsorship program may be initiated on a per division bases depending on approval to help offset the cost of the program. The fundraising initiatives are dependent on parent volunteers and team desire to fundraise. All sponsorship and fundraising initiatives must be approved by the VP of High Performance and cannot exceed the projected team expenses. (See Mustangs team sponsorship and fundraising guidelines document).

Parent participation will be expected for duties on the team such as fundraising, penalty box staff, 50/50, manager, treasurer, equipment manager, etc.

Mustangs coaches along with input from their team manager and taking into consideration the team's input, will decide on tournaments, choices of hotels, meals etc. for all tournaments.

Mustangs team expenses might include

1. Tournament Registration Fees
2. Matching Team Socks
3. Additional Ice and referee costs
4. Team supplies (first aid kit, coaching tools etc)
5. Team meals
6. Team building events
7. Coaching expenses (flights, hotels, food)
8. Practice Jerseys
9. Team apparel
10. Program printing costs

### **Mustangs A Team Player Fees**

Player fees to play for a Mustangs A team vary based on fundraising initiatives, sponsors, number of tournaments attended and how many family members travel out of Yukon to attend the tournaments. All Mustangs A teams will require a \$500 deposit payable to the team manager at the time of accepting a position on the team. Subsequent payments will be requested based on the team's budget and may include player travel costs etc.

### **U13, U15, FEMALE & U18 MUSTANGS**

Mustangs teams have a focus on skill development and training towards the competitive side of hockey. Below you will find a basic outline of a weekly team schedule, which will give you an understanding of the commitment level of the Mustangs teams.

All players must register in their respective division with WHITEHORSE MINOR HOCKEY asap and then register to TRYOUT FOR THE MUSTANGS on the Whitehorse Minor Hockey website. There is a \$75 fee to try out for the Mustangs.

Sample weekly schedule for the Mustangs (pre-covid).

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2 practices

Game(s)

Dryland

1 skills session