



## HOCKEY CANADA REGIONAL CENTRES

**Subject: Hockey Canada Skill Development Camps**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Hockey Canada Skills Development Program was developed in 1997, and is now entering its eleventh season in arenas across the country. The primary objective of the program is to provide a vehicle for players and coaches to enhance development of fundamental skills required to play the game of hockey. This is accomplished through weekend skills camps for Atom and Pee Wee aged players.

Throughout the weekend players will:

- Develop / enhance the fundamental skills of skating, passing, stick handling and shooting.
- Meet other players and develop friendships.
- Enjoy the “**FUN**” of hockey through skill development.
- Be introduced to the concepts of fair play, fitness, safety, teamwork, and the importance of a positive attitude.
- Leave with a memorable experience.

The Skills Camps are targeted for boys and girls playing at the recreational level. Depending on whether or not ice can be secured over two days the on-ice sessions can be tailored to fit a one-day camp.

The on-ice sessions consist of:

- 1) Skills for Improvement – Developing fundamental skill set in players.
- 2) Drills for Improvement – Incorporate skills into drills.

The off-ice sessions consist of:

- 1) Intro / Respect / Team Building.
- 2) Off-ice skills for development

The cost per player to attend a Hockey Canada Skills Camp is \$60. Each player receives a jersey, water bottle and Hockey Canada souvenir as part of their registration fee.

Volunteer coaches receive a Hockey Canada tracksuit, a t-shirt, hat, and coach bag for being a part of the Skills Camp Staff.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING A HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT CAMP**

- 1- It is important to mention that the camp is open to every player that is a registered member of Hockey Canada.
- 2- Requirements for host venue:
  - A facility with one or two ice sheets.
  - 4 nets will be required for each on-ice session.
  - 6 change rooms
    - 4 rooms for male players
    - 1 room for female players
    - 1 room for instructors, trainer and storage space.
  - The best case is to have these rooms for the entire day as players can store their equipment between ice sessions. If this is not possible then an extra equipment storage room will be required.
  - Large meeting room for weekend introduction, parent seminar
  - A classroom style room large enough for 40 people that would be used for workshops. Room would require table, chairs, TV/VCR, Overhead projector, Flipcharts.
  - Gymnasium – to be used for off-ice activities and team building sessions.
  - The gymnasium, classrooms and large meeting room could be in a school adjacent to the arena.
- 3- The Regional Centre will work with the Branch and Member Partners to secure on-ice instructors. Each on-ice instructor selected for a Skills Camp will have at minimum, coach level certification.
- 4- Each camp will have two full time on-ice instructors, which will be responsible for leading the on-ice sessions. Each team (Atom and Pee-wee) will have four team coaches. The team coaches will assist the lead instructors during the on-ice sessions. For each on-ice session there will be a total of six coaches.
- 5- Similar to the selection of the on-ice instructors, the Regional Centre will work with the Branch and member partners in determining off-ice staff.

### **Community Lead (CL)**

The CL will be the most important person leading up to the camp. This person must be selected based on their previous involvement with the Branch/Member Partner and their local Minor Hockey Association (MHA). The CL must have knowledge of the network within the MHA, and how to best communicate with the players and parents. They should also be familiar with the local arena and community businesses. The CL will be the key contact for the Regional Centre for all aspects of the camp.



## Safety Person (Trainer)

The Safety Person (SP) will be selected based on being certified at a Hockey Canada Safety Program Clinic and their previous involvement with the Branch/Member Partner. It is mandatory that the SP has participated in the Safety Program Clinic within the last three years.

If you have any questions about your local association hosting a Hockey Canada Skills Camp, please contact your respective Regional Centre or Provincial Branch.

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