

Initiation Program Overview

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Milton Minor Hockey Association



Program Goals



- Create a safe, fun environment for all players ages 4 to 7 years old to begin the development of basic hockey skills, team work and sportsmanship.
- Create an environment where all players can succeed.
- Create a future foundation for players at all levels.
- Assist parents in creating a supportive learning environment.

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of Hockey Operations,
Vancouver Canucks

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- Continue to grow their impression of hockey as a positive one for players and parents
- Play/games exist primarily in a modified form – formalized games introduced throughout the season
- Some stream of the players – goal is to have players working with players of like skill to develop confidence and self esteem

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2018-2019

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- Respect in Sport / Parent Code of conduct / on-ice requirements
- Beginner Program
- TimBits (Tiered Program)
- Squirt Development Program
- Tyke White, Blue
- ½ ice / cross-ice hockey for ALL IP
- New Boards
- Electronic Schedules

2019 - 2020

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The First Shift

- THE CANADIAN TIRE FIRST SHIFT program is designed to ensure a positive experience for new to hockey families.
- Breaking down the perceived barriers that exist for many parents, and making them feel at home within our hockey community.
 - Currently not enrolled in hockey (ages 4 – 10)
 - 6 weeks; 1-hour per week
 - Consistent day / time



Implementation Date: 2016

Program Evolution



Why the Change?

- We were too focused on developing a small number of players rather than the entire program.
- Need to increase the ratio of practices to games
- Not all players enjoyed hockey
- Membership size
- Ice availability
- Development focus vs. Rep focus

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Respect in Sport

- All **new** hockey parents will be required to complete Hockey Canada's Respect in Sport online course prior to their player(s) taking the ice.
- All on-ice parents (coaches, helpers) will be required to complete a Police Vulnerable Sector Check and complete required coaching certifications (Coach 1, RIS – Activity Leader).



Implementation Date: 2015

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Beginner Program

- Age 4 (Born 2015)
- 1 ice-time per week
- Two rotating 45-minute times
- Facilitated by development service provider
- Current maximum enrolment – 80 players

Implementation Date: 2012

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TimBit Program (Tiered)

- Age 5-6 (Born 2013 - 2014)
- Between 1 and 2 ice-times per week
 - Two development sessions / week
 - One development session & one cross-ice scrimmage / week
 - One development session / week & one cross-ice game every 2nd week
- Current maximum enrolment – 216 players

Implementation Date: 2015

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Squirt Program

- Age 6 (Born 2013) – The MMHA Board of Directors reserves the right to allow underage players based on skill level
- 2 ice-times per week
 - Two development sessions / week
 - One development session & one cross-ice game / week
- 8 development sessions provided by development service provider
- Current maximum enrolment – 72 players

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Team Volunteers

- Each Timbit & Squirt team will need to be rostered as per OMHA rules
- Teams are permitted to have a maximum of five team officials on the bench for any game and preferably, a minimum of three [Coach, Trainer and Manager]
- Of the five team officials, each team must have a certified coach and trainer ^{1,2}

Implementation Date: 2017

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Questions

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