



Welcome to Hockey Development 2011-2012



Parents

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Hockey Development Program (otherwise known as Hockey D). This program is for children between 5 and 9 years old who are playing hockey for the first time. Novice (age 7 and 8) and Atom (age 9) will be evaluated to see if they will be moved up to their respective hockey leagues (based on skill and ability as well as the parents).

Our goal is to provide a safe, fun and educational experience for your child. By using exercises, drills and games, we hope to teach the fundamentals of hockey and team play.

Program Information

The program will run every Saturday from 8:30am – 10:30am at the Whitney Forum (except through the Christmas holidays). The program will consist of 2 hours of ice time, broke down into 1 hour of practice drills, a short break and 45 minutes of game time. This year our first Hockey D session is planned for **Saturday, September 24/2011**. We will have a brief parents meeting at 8:30 on the first Saturday.

Due to hockey tournaments in town, occasionally we may have our ice time rescheduled to a different time and location (Creighton Sportex). Parents are encouraged to check the Flin Flon Minor Hockey website at www.flinflonminorhockey.com for changes to the schedule. All communication will be done through email. Please email me at Brett.Pearson@hudsonbayminerals.com to get on the email list.

A parent or guardian is required to be at the rink during the practice in case of washroom breaks, etc or injury to your child. If your child has any special need (allergies, medical conditions, etc) that you feel the coaching staff should be aware of, please talk to the co-ordinator about them.

We have found that each child should have a water bottle (labeled with their name) and a healthy, nut free snack for the break. For the female players there is a separate dressing room available. Each child will have the opportunity to play goal.

For any parents who would be interested in helping on the ice or would like to coach during Hockey D tournaments, there will be coaching courses available. More participation by parents on the ice equates for a better experience for the children. Information on these courses will be provided as they become available.

All players will be required to wear full equipment including a CSA approved helmet, mouthguard, and neckguard. Free helmets are available at www.chevroletohockey.ca for all 2006 born hockey players.

All players will have the opportunity to play in tournaments in Swan River, The Pas and our home tournament. All players will also have the opportunity to play between periods at the Bombers home games.

Anyone having additional questions may feel free to call the 2011/2012 Hockey D co-ordinator Brett Pearson at 271-2182.