



Initiation Program Fun Festival

How a player gets that first taste of hockey is crucial. If the beginner has fun, developing some basic skills and building confidence, there is a good chance that player will go on to enjoy hockey for many years. But if a beginner has an unhappy, unrewarding experience, the chances are that he, or she, will quit at an early age and never discover the real joy of Canada's great game. Every hockey beginner should have access to the Initiation Program!

The goal of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Initiation Program is:

To offer every youngster who wants to get started in hockey the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the Initiation Program.'

A secondary goal is to take a parent or volunteer and start him or her on the long road to becoming either a hockey coach, or other valued contributor to the game of hockey.



The OMHA Initiation Program Fun Festivals were created as a venue to showcase the Initiation Program in communities and expose players, their parents and family, administrators and associations to the benefits of the program. This one-day event includes a parent seminar, off-ice and on-ice activities lunch and lots of prizes with the intent that everyone involved will gain knowledge and have **FUN!**

IP FUN FESTIVAL OBJECTIVES

- Introduce children to the game's basic skills and make their first contact with hockey a safe and positive fun-filled experience.
- Introduce children to off-ice activities enabling them to become contributing members of a team effort, develop self-confidence and experience a sense of achievement.
- Introduce parents and volunteers to the Initiation Program, hoping that they will continue in the game and serve their association.
- Introduce other Associations to the OMHA Initiation Program and help them recognize the benefit of such a program in their community.
- Give information and direction to Associations on how to implement the Initiation Program in their community.
- **HAVE FUN!**

If you are interested in hosting an IP Fun Festival – Fill out the IP Fun Festival Application (on reverse)

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Initiation Program Fun Festival Application

To be completed by any OMHA Association wishing to host an OMHA Initiation Program Fun Festival. Please review OMHA IP Fun Festival Guide before submitting application. Fill in information and email to Ian Taylor at ian.taylor@omha.net

ASSOCIATION NAME:			
CONTACT NAME			
PHONE #:		FAX #:	
E-MAIL:			

ASSOCIATION INITIATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

When did your association implement the Initiation Program curriculum (Year)?			
Is your Initiation Program Certified?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES, when was your Program Certified (Year)?			
<i>If NO, please download a copy of the OMHA IP Questionnaire and complete and submit with this form.</i>			
No. of IP Certified Instructors:		No. of Assistant Instructors:	
No. of Off-Ice Volunteers:			

FUN FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Proposed Date:	
Name of Facility:	
Number of Players participating from your Association:	
Other Potential Centres to Attend the Fun Festival	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Have you communicated with these centres?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>