

What are Parents Saying About the Program?

OMHA Initiation Program is flexible and adaptable to all environments



"The kids get more attention because you've got more instructors with fewer kids."

"It's incredible how much he's improved!"

Bruce Moffatt - Hockey Parent

"They've accomplished things they couldn't do two or three weeks ago. Now, they're confident little players, and they're going to learn faster."

Rick Evans - Hockey Parent

"They're doing great! And it's from learning all the basic skills."

Beverly Morgan - Hockey Parent



Basic Hockey Skills and Much More!

The program focuses primarily on the basic hockey skills – skating, stickhandling, passing and shooting.



The OMHA Initiation Program has two levels of instruction for beginning hockey players. Each level consists of 25 on-ice sessions that follow a defined path of progression.

At the beginning of the program, players are evaluated according to ability and placed in the appropriate program level.

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Each skill is introduced and refined in a progressive 'one-step-at-a-time' manner. Players participate in practice drills, informal and modified games (such as pond hockey, etc.).

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Leadership is the key to the Initiation Program. In addition to developing players' hockey skills and self confidence, instructors are responsible for stimulating interest in the sport, and instilling a desire for continued participation.

Each Instructor is called upon to:

- Be an effective leader and teacher
- Be a model of cooperation and fair play
- Provide a positive, fun atmosphere without the pressure of competition.
- Develop players self-respect and self-discipline.

Parent's Roles

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Instructors are recruited on a volunteer basis. The Initiation Program needs people like you to help foster hockey activities in your community.

Program manuals are designed to be of great benefit to the new Instructors. Off the ice, you can also play an important role in the program as an administrator or hockey organizer, and help get the program underway in your community. In whatever capacity you're involved, you will be helping local children learn to enjoy hockey and have fun.

OMHA IP FUN FESTIVALS

The OMHA IP 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!**

Building a Foundation

The OMHA's Initiation Program provides a safe and positive experience to make a child's first contact with hockey memorable.



It's a structured, learn to play hockey program designed to introduce beginners - players and parents alike - to the game's basic skills.

The program enables participants to become contributing members of a team effort; to develop self-confidence; and to experience a sense of personal achievement. These goals are achieved in an atmosphere of cooperation and fun.

The future of our sport lies within our youth. The OMHA understands the important role it plays in helping young hockey players to develop responsible playing attitudes. A well-run Initiation Program will foster enjoyment of hockey by our young players and ensure the growth of our sport and your association.



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