

What's new with PDOP Youth Hockey?

The youth program has been re-structured to teach hockey skills progressively. Skaters will first master the fundamentals necessary and then advance to more difficult skills. This format will create stronger skaters and hockey players.

Why play hockey?

Hockey is the best sport around! Hockey promotes the development of positive characteristics in youth such as teamwork, strength, responsibility, confidence, and leadership. With an emphasis on fun, hockey is a game to be played and enjoyed for life.

Where does my child start?

Children with no or very little skating experience should register for Polar Cub or Jr. Bear 1. Children who can successfully navigate a public skate (starting, stopping, etc) without assistance from a walker or the wall can enter Polar Cub/Jr. Bear 2 Those with experience should compare their current skill work to our level descriptions.

Shouldn't classes be longer?

Our class lengths are based on the recommendations provided by USA Hockey. Studies they have done show that classes beyond these lengths are counter productive to properly learning hockey.

What equipment do we need?

Each level of hockey has it's a separate set of equipment requirements. Review your level description and parent letter for the needs of each level.

Why do we need equipment?

Equipment is a part of hockey that helps keep participants safe. We start equipment with level 1 so skaters can get used to wearing it from the beginning.

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When should we arrive for class?

Participants need to be in equipment and ready to go by the time class starts. As it typically takes skaters 20 minutes to get ready, we suggest at least 20 minutes before class.

Is there rental equipment?

What is the goal of the Hockey Academy?

The Hockey Academy seeks to instill the Basic fundamentals of the greatest game on ice to the hockey community. Skaters should expect to have fun & learn hockey as well as teamwork & sportsmanship while leading them towards a love for the game.

We have a limited amount of rental equipment available to rent through the One Goal program. These sets generally fit ages 4-8 & do not include skates or a stick.

When am I ready for the PBHL?

We highly recommend skaters successfully participate in one session of level 2 prior to entering the PBHL. The PBHL is designed to teach game theory and offer an opportunity to play cross ice games in a league format prior to beginning a travel program.

I want to advance my child, but the evaluation indicates otherwise: What do I do?

Skaters that skip levels or advance without our permission put themselves at risk of having a skill level well below their peers and pose a safety risk to themselves and others. We find it is highly discouraging for skaters to advance without the necessary skills as they will be unprepared for the new challenges.

When is my skater ready for Travel Hockey?

We highly recommend skaters complete a full season in the PBHL prior to moving into the travel hockey league. Without the experience of the PBHL, skaters will not be prepared for the game play and intensity of travel hockey.

What is an Ice Bear?

An Ice Bear is a ferocious creature who strives to perform at a peak level and always works hard. An Ice Bear works with a pack to take out the competition. The Ice Bear is the mascot for the Travel Hockey Program.



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