

Welcome!

Markham Waxers Hockey Association
Competitive Hockey Options

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Goals

Explain the differences between each of the competitive hockey options

- House League
- U7/U8/U9 Competitive Pathway Program
- U8 MD and U9 MD Development Programs
- Select Program
- Rep: BB/MD, A, AA and AAA



U7 Programming - 4 Options

1. House League (HL)

On the ice two times per week: one skills session, one game.

2. House League with additional development training

On the ice up to three times per week: HL skill session and game, as well as one additional development session.

Day and time for additional will be finalized in fall. Additional cost for the extra development session.

3. House League and U7 Select Tier 1 Team

On the ice up to four times per week: HL skill session and game, select team practice, select game.

Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate on the select team. Team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.

4. House League and U7 Select Tier 2 Team

On the ice up to four times per week: HL skill session and game, select team practice, select game.

Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate on the select team. Team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program and will be comprised of players who did not make the U7 Select Tier 1 team.



U8 Programming - 4 Options

1. **House League (HL)**

On the ice two times per week: one skills session, one game.

2. **House League with additional development training**

On the ice up to three times per week: HL skill session and game, as well as one additional development session.

Day and time for additional will be finalized in fall. Additional cost for the extra development session.

3. **House League and U8 Select Team**

On the ice up to four times per week: HL skill session and game, select team practice, select game.

Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate on the select team. Team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.

4. **U8 MD Team**

This development team **will not** participate in HL.

On the ice up to 4 or 5 times per week. Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate based on the team's budget.

Development team that follows Hockey Canada programming.



U9 Programming - 4 Options

1. House League (HL)

On the ice two times per week: one skills session, one game.

2. House League with additional development training

On the ice up to three times per week: HL skill session and game, as well as one additional development session.

Day and time for additional will be finalized in fall. Additional cost for the extra development session.

3. House League and U9 Select Team

On the ice up to four times per week: HL skill session and game, select team practice, select game.

Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate on the select team. Team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.

4. U9 MD Team

This development team **will not** participate in HL.

On the ice up to 4 or 5 times per week. Preparation phase and evaluations are held in the fall. Additional costs to participate based on the team's budget.

Development team that follows Hockey Canada programming.



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

Do the players play
house league?

No

Yes

When are the games
played?

During the week
beginning at 5:00 pm
and on the weekend
beginning at 12:00 pm

During the week or on
the weekend at times
scheduled by the team



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

Is there body checking?

Yes in A, AA, AAA beginning at U14

No

How many times are you on the ice per week on average?

No in BB

Up to 4

3-4

- two hours of practice
- away game
- home game

- house league practice and game
- select practice
- select game



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

How are coaches selected?

Through an application and interview process

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How are teams selected?

Coaches select their team through evaluations that begin in mid-April for U10 and older or in September for U9 and younger

Coaches select their team through evaluations that begin in early May for U10 and older or in September for U9 and younger.



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

Is there a residency requirement? Must you live in Markham to participate?

BB and MD players must reside in the City of Markham

No residency requirements

A, AA, and AAA teams may include non-resident players



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep U10 and older
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

When do teams begin
to practice?

This depends on the coach,
typically mid to late
August

Generally in early
October

When do games begin?

Late September

October



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

When does the season end?

Season play ends in January and playoffs end at the end of March

Season ends at the end of March

How many tournaments do teams participate in on average?

Up to 4 tournaments per season

Up to 3 tournaments per season

For U9 and below, tournaments are referred to as “Jamborees”



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

Am I eligible to be rostered to a Waxers MD, BB, A, AA, AAA team as an Affiliate Player (AP)?

Yes

- to one age group above
- to the next higher category (e.g., a BB player can AP to an A team)

Yes

- to the same age group or
- to one age group above



Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
(MD, BB, A, AA, AAA)

Waxers Select

What is the estimated cost per season?

Average: \$4,500

Average: \$750-\$1,200

Each team sets its own budget which depends on the amount of ice purchased, the number of tournaments attended, team apparell purchased, among other things.

House league fees plus select team fees, which range from \$750 to \$1,200 depending on the team budget. Team parents have input into the budget.

NOTE: Select fees capped at \$1200 per player



Competitive Hockey

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Waxers Select

What is included in a team budget?

Ice
Tournament fees
Registration fees
Team uniforms
Referee fees
Timekeeper fees
Team apparel
Private instructors
Meetings
Photos
Team events
Administration costs

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Competitive Hockey

Waxers Rep
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Waxers Select

Who are the governing bodies?

- OMHA
- OHF
- Hockey Canada

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Lake Ontario Region (LOR) Rules

- Only affects residents of Toronto, Mississauga, Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Ajax/Pickering, Oakville, and Brampton. Rules set by the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) to allow players in the LOR to play on teams outside of their municipality of residence.
- At U10, a Markham resident player must declare where they want to play: GTHL (Markham Islanders/Majors) or OMHA (Markham Waxers).
- Players can then only play for the declared organization unless they are released.
- At U14 and older all players are free to move to other associations within the LOR.
- See waxers.com for more details on LOR regulations.



QUESTIONS?

