Hockey Options



March 19, 2025

Goals for the evening

- 1. Discuss the different options to play hockey
 - House League Recreational Program: U5-U21
 - Rostered Select (RS) Program: U10-U18
 - Competitive Pathway Program (CPP): U7, U8, U9
 - Minor Development (MD) Program: U8, U9
 - Representative (Rep) Program: U10-U18
 - BB, A, AA
 - AAA
- 2. Discuss the Waxers' development clinic options
- 3. Answer your questions

House League Recreational Hockey

- Recreational, community-oriented program for youth hockey players
- Focuses on fun, skill development, and equal playtime
- Lower commitment level and cost compared to rep leagues
- Emphasizes fun, learning, and developing skills at a comfortable pace
- Community-oriented; play with your friends
- · Easy to fit into a busy family schedule
- Equal playing time
- No evaluations (tryouts), everyone who registers plays
- Promotes teamwork and physical activity

Waxers House League Program

- Hockey Canada sanctioned programming
- Weekend Program
 - Mid-September through the end of March (6.5 months)
 - U7 U13 practice Saturday, game Sunday
 - U15-U21 two games per weekend
- Ages 4-20
- Registration online at <u>www.waxers.com</u> in early May
- Option for additional development clinics throughout the year
- Local Markham arenas
- Fees include two hours of ice per week for 26 weeks, uniforms, photo, trophies, volunteer support, registration fees, and administrative fees.

Rostered Select (RS)

- Bridges house league hockey with a more competitive level
- Allows players to participate in additional practices, exhibition games, and tournaments, while still playing in their regular house league
- Aims to provide house league players with an opportunity to develop their skills and experience a higher level of competition without the full commitment of a representative (rep) team
- Players are selected through an evaluation process from within the house league
- Teams participate in practices, exhibition games, and tournaments, against other RS teams from neighboring towns
- Additional cost for team fees, jerseys, tournaments, and other team expenses (max \$1,500 depending on team fundraising)

Competitive Pathway Program (CPP)

- Bridges house league hockey with a more competitive level for U7, U8, and U9 house league players
- Players selected through an evaluation process
- Players participate in house league AND CPP
- Structured league within the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL)
- Approximately 18 regular season games, up to 3 per month
- Additional cost for team fees, jerseys, jamborees (tournaments), and other team expenses (\$1,000-\$1,500)

Minor Development (MD)

- Competitive program for players in U9 and U8
- Tier of programming that is above house league and select teams, but below competitive
- Players do not play in house league
- Teams play in a York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YS) loop with other MD teams in the same age group
- Costs range from \$4,500 to \$6,000 depending on the team budget
- U8 & U9 MD evaluations will be held beginning April 12

Representative (Rep)

- Fast-paced, highly-competitive level of hockey that offers exceptional players a challenge
- Bigger time commitment: minimum of one practice, one development session and two games per week
- Rep teams may also participate in overnight tournaments
- Games on weekday evenings and weekend afternoon and evenings
- Travel team with away games within league boundaries
- Costs range from \$4,500 to \$6,000 per player depending on team budget
- Range from AAA (most competitive) to AA to A to BB
- AAA, AA, and A include body checking at U14 and older

What are the costs for each level of hockey?

House League: approximately \$800/season

Select: house league fees plus additional \$1,000-\$1,500

Rep: ranges from approximately \$4,500 to \$6,000 depending on the team budget

What makes up the select and rep team budget? Team assessment, registration, referee, and tournament fees; ice; uniforms and apparel; private instructors, meetings, photos, team events.

How many times a week is my child on the ice?

House League: 2

Select: 2-4

Rep: 3-6

How long is the season?

Season starts in September and ends in March.

How are the coaches selected?

House League: Parents volunteer

Select: Application and interview process

Rep: Application and interview process

How are the players selected?

House League: Players register, everyone is accepted

Select: Evaluations, house league players

Rep: Evaluations open to all

When are evaluations held?

House League: Not applicable

Select: U10 and older begin May 12

U9 and younger in mid-September

Rep: MD begin April 12

AAA begin April 19

AA begin April 26

A begin May 3

BB begin May 9

Development Clinics

House League Development Clinic

- Open to registered U7, U8, and U9 house league players
- Weekday evenings
- Additional cost
- Registration required

House League Goalie Clinic

- Open to all registered house league players
- Sunday afternoon
- Free of charge

Development Clinics

Waxers Development Clinics - Player and Goalie

- Open to all ages registered to a Waxers team
- Saturday morning
- Additional cost
- Registration required

Pre-Evaluation Skates

- Open to all ages
- Must have been a member of the Waxers in 2024-2025
- Dates (early April) & times TBD
- Four sessions offered
- Additional cost
- Registration required

QUESTIONS?