



WELCOME TO ROOKIE CAMP

PRESENTED BY  **NOFRILLS**

Mission Statement

The Markham Waxers Hockey Club is committed to creating a hockey program that is *fun* and where participants can *develop and learn* the techniques of the game and sportsmanship in a *safe, nurturing environment*.

The focus of our house league program is on introducing the game of hockey to beginners and developing the skills of all players. But it's not just about hockey. Waxers House League players also learn how to be a contributing member of a team; to respect each other, their coaches and the referees; and to enjoy the benefits of being physically active.

Our mission statement can be summed up in three words: *fun, fitness, friendship*.

House League Program Highlights

- Recreational hockey program for ages 4 through 20
- Season from mid-September through the end of March
- Weekend practices and games at local Markham arenas
 - Mt. Joy (MJ) Community Centre
 - Markham Village Community Centre (MVCC)
 - Centennial Community Centre (Cent)
 - Milliken Mills (MM) Community Centre
- Certified and trained coaches and trainers on every bench
- Coach development and mentorship

Program Highlights

- Hockey jersey and socks—*pick your own number!*
- Goalie equipment provided
- Free, weekly goalie clinic
- Hockey Development Clinics for Tyke through Bantam players
- Year-end championship weekend
- Trophies or medals for all players
- Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Night
- Individual and team photos

Finalize Registration

- Provide proof of age
- Parent Respect in Sport
- Medical Information form

Typical Hockey Weekend

- Saturday practice, Sunday game
- Timeslots assigned to divisions
- Teams rotate through division timeslots
- Schedules are balanced

Typical Hockey Weekend

- Arrive minimum ½ hour prior to practice or game time, earlier if your child changes slowly!
- Players should be completely dressed 10 minutes prior to game time to give coach time for a chat
- Parents must stay with children Peewee age and younger

Typical Hockey Season

- Rookie Camp for new players
- Draft teams for evaluation games
- Coach/bench staff clinic
- Evaluation games start September 15th
 - first 3 weekends on both Saturday and Sunday
 - no practices
- Balancing

Typical Hockey Season

- Thanksgiving weekend: no hockey
- Practices begin Saturday, October 13th
- Exhibition games two weeks to finalize balancing
- Regular season starts October 27th

Typical Hockey Season

- Photo Day: November 17th at Mt. Joy
- Interleague play with Stouffville Minor Hockey for Novice through Midget/Juvenile divisions: December 7th and January 26th
- Winter break: December 24th–January 4th

Typical Hockey Season

- March Break: March 11th-17th
- Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation Night: early March
- Championship Weekend: March 30th
 - NHL experience
 - Trophies/medals/t-shirts
 - Pizza party

Goaltenders

- Dedicated Atom division and older
- Rotate players Initiation through Novice divisions
- Equipment provided to each team
- Free Goalie Clinic Sunday afternoon at Mt. Joy

Volunteer Opportunities

House league teams are run entirely by volunteers—***we need you!***

Bench Positions

- Assistant Coach
- Trainer

Volunteer Opportunities

Off-Ice Positions

- Division Convenor
- Team Manager
- On-Ice Volunteer
- Timekeeper (Tyke through Atom)
- Single day opportunities
 - Photo Day Assistant
 - Championship Weekend Assistant

Certification Requirements

All On-Ice Volunteers

- Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders (online)
- Police Vulnerable Sector Check (online app)
- Understanding Discrimination based on Gender Identity and Gender Expression (online)

Additional Bench Staff Certification Requirements

Coach

- Appropriate level coach certification (online, classroom, and on-ice)

Trainer

- Hockey Trainers Level 1 (online)

Codes of Conduct

- Identifies the **standard of behaviour** which is expected of all Markham Waxers House League members and participants, including all players, parents, coaches, team officials, committee members, and directors involved in any and all activities and events with the Markham Waxers.
- Demonstrates our commitment to providing an environment in which **all individuals are treated with respect.**
- Requires members and participants of the Waxers to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the Waxers, which includes **fairness, integrity, and mutual respect.**

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- Requires members of the Markham Waxers to **refrain from comments and behaviour that is disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist.**
- Identifies consequences of failure to comply with these Codes of Conduct: disciplinary action in accordance with the policy of the OMHA. Such actions may result in the member losing privileges including the opportunity to participate in Markham Waxers House League /OMHA activities and events, both present and in the future.

Players Code of Conduct

- I will play and compete for my own enjoyment, as well as for my team.
- I will be a good sport at all times.
- I will maintain self-control at all times.
- I will attend all games and practices and be present before games and practices in a timely manner.
- I will notify the coach ahead of time if you will be absent.
- I will respect the rights, feelings, and abilities and consider the safety of other players, coaches, trainers, administrators, volunteers and parents.

Parent Code of Conduct

- I will remember that participants play sports for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will lead by example.
- I will encourage my child to remember that he or she is part of a team and to work for the good of the team.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.

Five Basic Principles of Fair Play

In addition to these Codes of Conduct, the *Five Basic Principles of Fair Play* will be recognized and adhered to by all Markham Waxers House League members including players, parents, team officials, spectators, and the Board of Directors.

1. Respect the rules.
2. Respect the opponents.
3. Respect the officials and their decisions.
4. Everyone participates equally.
5. Maintain your self-control at all times.

Waxers Website

- Division/Team schedule
- Division/Team calendar
- Team standings (Tyke and older)
- News and notices
- Newsletter
- Email notifications: changes in practice and/or game schedule

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Questions?

