

YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The League Program is intended to meet the needs of the recreational player through an emphasis on fun and participation. All players, regardless of their skill level, are entitled to an equal share of ice time in a positive and safe playing environment. However, the Association also provides further opportunities for those players who wish to commit more time to hockey and to further develop their individual and game skills. The Development Program includes on-ice clinics which focus on:

- individual skills and tactics for skaters; or
- individual skills and tactics for goaltenders.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT CLINICS FOR SKATERS

The Clinics will:

- Focus on power skating, puck handling, shooting and scoring, passing, and game tactics;
- Be geared to the players' skill level and operated by a combination of invited instructors and Association coaches;
- Be available to both male and female players in Novice, Atom, and Peewee divisions **who are not participating on Development Teams.**
- Be available to the first twenty four players that register.
- Not be available to players on Development Teams unless the clinics are not fully registered.
- A ninety-minute clinic will be available each week (subject to availability of ice).
- Players will be grouped according to skill level rather than age.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT CLINICS FOR GOALTENDERS

The Clinics will:

- Focus on skating, stance, angles, lateral movement, puck handling, shot blocking, rebound control, and game tactics;
- Be geared to the players' skill level and operated by a combination of invited instructors and Association coaches;
- Be divided into "introductory" and "advanced" programs which will reflect the goaltenders' age and development;
- Be available to both male and female players in all divisions;

- Younger players who wish to try goaltending for the first time may participate with the agreement of the chief instructor.
- First time goaltenders may borrow league equipment through the Equipment Manager.
- Be available to the first twenty four players that register.
- A ninety-minute clinic will be available each week, subject to availability of ice.

5.0 PROGRAM COSTS

The cost of each program will be established by the Executive Committee in advance of annual registration.

Refunds will be administered in accordance with the Association Registration policies and procedures.