



2010

Spring Learn to Play Hockey Program

For Boys and Girls Ages 4-10 yrs.

General Information Sheet

\$102.00 (8 sessions)

We're glad that you're interested in enrolling your son or daughter in the Kent Valley Hockey Association's Learn-to-Play-Hockey Program. We've prepared this information sheet to answer questions that you might have about the program, as well as those about the sport of ice hockey in general. Registration forms can be found at the front office, or you can call Rena Sullivan at 253-850-2400 #10.

▪ **Who will be teaching my child?**

The Beginner Hockey Program Instructors are experienced hockey coaches and parents who are committed to teaching the sport of Ice Hockey in a manner that is both fun and challenging. KVHA and USA Hockey require that all coaches and parents working with children in any capacity be registered with USA Hockey, and carry a current USA Hockey Coaches card.

▪ **What about all the equipment?**

KVHA offers an equipment rental program for the Learn-to-Play-Hockey Program. The rental cost is \$75.00 for the season, with a \$125.00 security deposit refundable upon return of the equipment. If you already have rental equipment from our regular season your extension rental is \$25.00. The program provides much of the equipment your player will need, but there are some items that you will need to purchase in addition.

Rental items include

Helmet	Pants
Elbow pads	Shin guards
Gloves	Skates
Shoulder Pads	Hockey gear bag

Gear that needs to be

purchased

Mouth guard
Practice Jersey
Protective cup
Socks
Stick

▪ **What will my child be doing and learning?**

We follow the USA Hockey IP (Initiation Program) course track. We will also be using data from the Hockey Canada National Skills Standards and Testing Program. These programs stress the following items:

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| ▪ Fun | ▪ Skating Skills | ▪ Stick and Puck Handling |
| ▪ Basic Hockey rules | ▪ Physical Conditioning | ▪ Team Play |
| ▪ Player Safety | ▪ Sportsmanship | ▪ Progressive Development |

▪ **When does the program start?**

The first program session starts April 11th, 2010 (subject to change) and runs through June 13th, 2010. You should arrive early enough to allow your player to get dressed and ready to go. This usually takes 10-15 minutes some parents dress their player at home and just put on the skates and helmet upon arrival.

▪ **When will my son or daughter get on a team?**

The program coaches are trained to be evaluating the skill-level of each player enrolled in the program. We conduct formal skills evaluations on three occasions during the season and those results are shared with the parents. There will be a report card containing raw data, not letter grades, given to each player so that they may compare their development to a national database that is maintained by Hockey Canada. Coaches from the Association's Mite Teams will often take to the ice in order to work with the more advanced groups in the program, and will provide recommendations when it is time for a player to move up to a Mite or Squirt team.