

2021 Brewins Youth Hockey Spring Programs – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is previous hockey experience required?

A: No. In fact, we encourage kids who have never played and who are interested in the sport and want to learn how to play hockey to come out and have some fun!

Q: Does my player need previous skating experience?

A: Players should at least be comfortable with moving around the ice in full hockey gear. Although this is not a learn-to-skate program, coaches will be on hand to work with players of varying ability to ensure an enjoyable experience.

Q: Is my player required to bring and wear full hockey equipment?

A: Yes. Full ice hockey gear, including a hockey stick is required to participate. Please refer to the attached USA Hockey link for more information: <https://www.usahockey.com/comeplayyouthhockey>

Q: Will equipment be made available?

A: Yes. A limited amount of used ice hockey equipment donated by Brewins Youth Hockey families will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let us know what you need prior to the first session.

Q: Will jerseys be provided?

A: Players previously registered in the Rookie Development Program Session 1 and/or 2 will continue to use the jerseys previously issued. All other players who register will receive a Brewins practice jersey.

Q: What is the difference between the Rookie Development Program and the 2021 House League?

A: Rookie Development will include players ages 4-9 and will be held in early evening time slots during the week (most-likely Mon and Wed) and will not include players currently on Brewins U6-U10 rosters. House League will include players ages 4-10, and in certain instances may include players up to age 12. House League is anticipated to be held Saturday and Sunday mornings. Both sessions will run from mid-February through the last week in April. Similar skills and fundamentals will be applied to both programs. Both programs will include cross-ice games. House League may include some more advanced players, however, players will be placed in groups of similar abilities. Again, no previous hockey experience is required.

Q: Can I register my player for both Rookie Development and House League?

A: Yes. However, U6-U10 Brewins players currently on a SSC or Metro roster are not eligible to register for the Rookie Development Program.

Q: What can players expect at the first session and what time should my player arrive at the rink?

A: In accordance with current restrictions, parents/players cannot enter the arena no earlier than 15 minutes before their scheduled event. All players must enter the arena fully-dressed in their hockey gear, with the exception of skates which may be tied in the designated area of the arena at the direction of FMC. On the ice, coaches will work to group players into appropriate areas according to their skill level. Following on-ice sessions, all parents/players should remove skates only and exit the building within 10 minutes through the appropriate exits established by FMC.

Q: What types of on-ice activities can my player expect through this program?

A: For players new to hockey, coaches will cover the fundamentals of hockey such as proper skating technique and balance, skating with a stick, passing, and shooting. The goal is to have fun while preparing new players for game-like situations. For the more experienced players, coaches will work on sharpening those skills mentioned above in a more competitive format, while incorporating plenty of fun!

Q: In past years, an opportunity to play at the Dunkin Donuts Center and attend a Providence Bruins game has been available. Is this something that will happen this year?

A: Unfortunately, based on the current restrictions in place due to the pandemic, this will not be available to us as an option this season.

For additional questions regarding either of these programs, please contact Dennis Aguiar dennisa@gsatsound.com