



2011-2012
Learn to Play Hockey Program
For Boys and Girls Ages 4-10 yrs.
General Information Sheet

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. Questions about the program and equipment rental can be directed to Danny Lorenz, Hockey Director, at 253-850-2400 #14.

▪ **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. **Seattle Thunderbird** players attend when available to assist the instructors.

▪ **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 (\$200.00 security deposit with \$125.00 refundable upon return of the equipment.) 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
Kent Valley Hockey Practice Jersey (player keeps the jersey at the end of the sessions.)	

Gear that needs to be purchased

Mouth guard
Protective cup
Socks
Stick

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

We follow the USA Hockey IP (Initiation Program) course track. This program stresses 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 of 24 program sessions start Sunday September 25th (subject to change) and runs through March 2012, with new registrations beginning in June 2012. The Sunday sessions last from 1:30pm-2:30pm. 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. Sessions will be held every Sunday with the exception of a couple of holidays between September and March. A schedule will be available early in September.

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

The program coaches will be performing an on-going evaluation of the skill-level of each player enrolled in the program. Danny Lorenz, Hockey Director, and Coaches from the Association will provide guidance when it is time for a player to join a team within our Mite (birth year '03, '04, '05, '06 or '07), Squirt (birth year '01 or '02) or PeeWee (birth year '99 or '00) age divisions.