



Hockey Discovery Days Information & Application

Just Play is a Hockey Manitoba initiative designed to create opportunities for the introduction to hockey in a fun, safe and positive environment while providing sustainable solutions to assist in the promotion and growth of the game across the province. Simply put, Hockey Manitoba is committed to providing all children the opportunity to “Just Play” the game. Just Play is supported by the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation.

HOCKEY DISCOVERY DAYS

Hockey Discovery Days are comprised of 3 sessions for children aged 5-12 with little or no experience in hockey, designed to introduce the fundamentals of the game in a safe, fun, positive setting. On and off-ice components are included as well as education and information for both participants and parents. Participants' fitness and overall health is a primary focus and they will discover the benefits of participating in a team environment while developing social skills they can carry forward to other areas of their lives. Participants are given sticks, skates, gloves, helmets, neck guards, t-shirts and jerseys and are provided with a healthy snack at each session. A maximum of 25 participants (minimum of 20) are eligible to participate in each approved Hockey Discovery Days program.

EVENT SUMMARY

- Three sessions, each including on-ice (1 hr), off-ice (30 min) and snack/presentation (30 min)
- On-ice sessions to focus on fundamental skills (skating, passing, shooting), fun and games
- Off-ice sessions to focus on stretching, games, team work and other healthy living components
- Sessions can be any day of the week (based on availability), do not have to be back to back weekends
- Sessions to be run at any time between Oct. 20th and Apr. 30th
- Hockey Manitoba to provide transportation to and from sessions

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Hockey Manitoba will accept applications from various organizations including minor hockey associations, community clubs, schools, community groups and charitable organizations. A maximum of one application may be submitted per year by an organization. Participants must not have been a registered Hockey Manitoba member in the past or current season.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications for Hockey Discovery Days programs will be reviewed by a Hockey Manitoba selection committee. All applications received which include the required information will be considered, however, final selections will be based on (but not limited to) the following criteria:

- Identified need for growth of the sport in applicants area
- Need based on socio-economic challenges of families in applicants area
- Inclusion of participants new to Canada or Manitoba
- Identification of interest and commitment to making the program a success

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES (LEAD ORGANIZER):

- Meet all application requirements and form deadlines
- Organize and collect participant registration
- Assist with promotion of event and circulation of event information
- Secure a minimum 6 volunteers for both on and off-ice assistance for each session



HOCKEY DISCOVERY DAYS APPLICATION FORM



APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name of organization: _____

Address: _____

Lead Organizer: _____

Telephone: (Res) _____ (Bus) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

Please include a brief summary of your organization with your application.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Location/Preferred Arena: _____

Session Dates/Times: Session 1: Date _____ Time: _____

 Session 2: Date _____ Time: _____

 Session 3: Date _____ Time: _____

Please provide a summary of preferred dates/times if above is unknown:

APPLICATION RATIONALE:

Please include a summary explaining the rationale for application and how this will benefit the participants and your organization. Be sure to address the items indicated in the Selection Criteria section. (include additional information under separate cover if required.)

By checking the box below, I _____ (lead organizer), understand the Hockey Discovery Days application and agree to fulfill all applicant requirements as outlined on behalf of my organization to ensure the successful delivery of this program.

Date: _____