

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 <u>all</u> 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 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 ELIGIBILTY

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

- Ensure all participant equipment/jersey sizing forms are collected and submitted by deadline
- Ensure all parent waiver forms are collected and submitted by deadline
- Provide logistical support on facility bookings, set up, transportation, snacks, shipping of items, etc.

Further recommendations to applicants:

- Organize used equipment drive prior to first scheduled session for the following:
 - o Shin pads
 - o Elbow pads
 - o Shoulder pads
 - o Pants
 - o Jock/cup
 - o Socks
- Attempt to obtain discount on facility ice where applicable
- Contact local Minor Hockey Association/Community Club for support if applicable
- Include parents as volunteers, invite them to attend each session

HOCKEY MANITOBA RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Program expenses including:
 - o Facility/Ice
 - o Instructors
 - o Snacks
 - o Equipment
 - Jerseys/T-shirts
 - Transportation (from one location, to and from sessions)
 - o Shipping/Courier
 - o Supplies
- Full support for planning and logistical components of program as follows:
 - Hockey Manitoba Instructors
 - Facility bookings
 - Ordering/shipping of all items including equipment, supplies, etc.
 - o Marketing and promotional assistance
 - Registration of participants
 - Confirmation of transportation
 - o Delivery of healthy snacks
 - Other as necessary

APPLICATION PROCESS

Program Operation Dates:

1) October 20th – December 31st 2) January 1st – April 30th

- anuary 1st April 30th Application deadline: November 1st
- Applications will be considered twice annually on Sept. 1st and Nov. 1st
- Date/location/time of sessions (and alternates) must be indentified in applications
- Confirmation of accepted applications will be sent on or before Sept. 5th and Nov. 5th
- Equipment requirement forms must be received on or before Sept. 30th and Nov. 30th
- Participant information and parent waivers must be received on or before Sept. 30th and Nov. 30th
- Applicant to identify lead organizer and include all applicable contact information

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

Hockey Manitoba c/o Scott Furman, Director, Business Operations <u>scott@hockeymanitoba.ca</u> Fax: 204-925-5761 145 Pacific Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6

Application deadline: September 1st



HOCKEY DISCOVERY DAYS APPLICATION FORM



APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name of organization:				
Address:				
Lead Organizer:				
Telephone:	(Res)	(Bus)	(Cell)	
Email:				
ORGANIZATIONAL IN	FORMATION:			
Please include a brief s	ummary of your or	ganization with your ap	oplication.	
PROGRAM INFORMA	TION:			
Location/Preferred Arer	าล:			-7
Session Dates/Times:	Session 1: Session 2: Session 3:	Date	Time:	
Please provide a summ	ary of preferred da	tes/times if above is u	nknown:	

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: _____