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## Hockey New Brunswick – Community Hockey Program

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**Cost:** \$20.00/player which includes Hockey Canada insurance. Minor Hockey Associations will charge an additional fee to help offset ice-time costs; the additional fees charged by the Minor Hockey Association should be break even only.

**Jerseys:** Hockey New Brunswick will provide two sets of jerseys at no cost to the host program.

**Player Eligibility:** Any player between the ages of 8-14 (as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>) can register. Only players not registered with a Minor Hockey Association can register. Any exemption would need to be approved by the Minor Hockey Association.

**Coaches:** All on-ice and off-ice coaches are required to have Speak-Out / Respect in Sport, as well as a Criminal Record Check. One coach must have completed the Coach Level 2 course, and one staff member must have completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program.

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### Overview

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#### **Community Hockey is unstructured**

Community Hockey is unstructured in the sense that programs are not arranged based on age, or skill. Players are not rostered on one team; as the teams can change from week to week.

#### **Community Hockey Programs are not registered in organized Hockey Leagues**

Community Hockey is played in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment. Therefore, Programs are not eligible to attend minor hockey tournaments or play minor hockey teams.

#### **Community Hockey is a low-cost option for players**

Community Hockey is registered under Hockey New Brunswick, allowing all participants to access the Hockey Canada Insurance Program. All other registration fees are determined by each specific Community Hockey Program.

#### **Community Hockey allows a relaxed time commitment**

Hockey New Brunswick recommends that programs should meet once or two a week at a consistent time, starting in October / November and concluding in March.

#### **Community Hockey focuses on Skill Development and Game Play**

The Community Hockey programs will focus on Skill Development and age appropriate programming. Games will be introduced as the season progresses. Hockey New Brunswick will provide a curriculum for the season.

**Community Hockey Programs do not travel for games**

Community Hockey Programs are not registered for organized Hockey Leagues; travel for games is not required.

**Community Hockey has no defined boundaries**

Community Hockey is not governed by Association boundaries that state a player has to report to a specific Program. Community Hockey participants are eligible to register and participate with any Program in New Brunswick.

**Community Hockey has a flexible registration date**

Community Hockey does not have a firm registration date. Players are eligible to register and participate at any point of the season.

**Community Hockey is not governed by Rules and Regulations**

Community Hockey should not be governed by the same Rules and Regulations that govern Minor Hockey. Community Hockey focuses on providing a fun, safe and non-competitive learning environment for all participants regardless of age or skill.

**Community Hockey is not played under Hockey Canada Playing Rules**

Community Hockey does not follow Hockey Canada Playing Rules. Programs can modify the game in any way that supports skill development in a fun, safe and non-competitive learning environment.

**Community Hockey does not use registered Officials**

Community Hockey is not played under Hockey Canada Playing Rules; therefore, Community Hockey does not use qualified Officials to oversee games. Programs need to remain a non-competitive alternative for all hockey players.

**Community Hockey does not keep statistics or records**

Community Hockey should not keep statistics or records. Community Hockey should focus on keeping a non-competitive playing environment.