



## **Tyke Initiation Program**

**GCMHA has started a program to prepare young players who hope to one day play rep hockey.**

### **BACKGROUND**

GCMHA started a Tyke Initiation Program in 2010. We hope it continues to form the nucleus of our Tyke/Novice Rep teams in the future.

It is a once per week skills development program, at an advanced level and tempo (for age).

### **PURPOSE**

- To give aspiring potential future “Rep” players extra instruction, at an advanced level (for age), at a high tempo/pace.
- To supplement the basic Canadian Hockey Initiation Program taught in House League.

### **DESIGNED FOR**

- 5 and 6 year old St. Catharines residents who:
- have a KEEN interest in hockey, and perhaps aspire to play “Rep” in the next year or so.
- players who want to improve their skating, and hockey skills, to prepare themselves for a potential “Rep” career
- players who can handle a fairly intense program (for age)
- players who have at least basic skating skills

### **NOT DESIGNED FOR**

- players who have only a casual interest in hockey
- beginning skaters
- players who are not mentally, or emotionally ready to follow instructions, and not able to handle an intensive program (for age)

### **SKILLS TAUGHT**

- Skating skills is the primary focus e.g. proper striding/stopping/turning/edge control.
- Other hockey skills are also taught e.g. puck handling/shooting/passing etc.

## PROGRAM COMMENCES AND ENDS

- Starts: To Be Announced

## ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

- Program total cost is \$160. Must be paid up front
- Make cheque(s) payable to GCMHA
- We require a copy of the player's birth certificate
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION FORM!**

## RE: PLAYERS BORN IN 2008 or later

- Priority is given to 2008's.
- Registration will be limited

## F.A.Q.'S

### **Q. Is the Tyke Initiation Program "Rep" Hockey?**

A. No. Rep hockey does not start until Tyke (age 7). Our program is a skills development program, in preparation for "Rep" hockey in the next year or so. You are not registering with GCMHA, it is a supplemental hockey school.

### **Q. Are there 'tryouts'?**

A. Not per se. Players must have at least basic skating skills, as this is not a 'learn-to-skate' program. Child must also be mentally and emotionally mature enough to handle an intense program (for age)

**Please deliver registration (and payment – \$ 160.00 payable to GCMHA)**

**GCMHA office (upstairs Bill Burgoyne Arena)**

**During office hours**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-9 pm**

**Saturday 9-1 pm (closed on long weekends)**