

Welcome to the CHIPS hockey program within Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey. These are the first steps to your child's involvement in minor hockey. The purpose of our program first and foremost is that the children enjoy their experience and have smiles on their faces. We will be teaching them the fundamentals of hockey, learning to skate, passing the puck and shooting it as well. The program is structured in a 2 year system, our first year skaters all working together and then our second and third years in another group. We try to keep those of the same ability working together and pushing one another to grow. Before the season will begin we will do an evaluation skate to group the kids as best as possible. As the season progresses, if some kids need to be shuffled to a different group to better suit them, they will. We will do our best to monitor the kids' progress.

The program's strength is based on the volunteers who run it, the coaches, managers, on ice help, trainers, and parents. These are all positions we need filled by you the parents of the CHIPs aged children. We run a ratio of 3:1, players to coaches and on ice help. This allows us to monitor the children closely. Our program is tailored straight from Hockey Canada and their directive to develop the skill set of young skaters. The kids are run through different stations throughout their practices working on all the skills needed to play the game of hockey. With short cross-ice 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 games mixed in.

Parents interested in being involved in coaching will need to be certified through a Hockey Canada course, as well trainers will need certification. More info will be supplied to those who want it. Anyone can volunteer for on ice help with a current background check and the online "respect in sport" for on ice support completed.

Every family will need one parent to complete the "respect in sport" for parents, no exceptions.

Each family will need to complete their bond hours, if they don't want their bond cheque cashed at the end of the season. There are many ways to fulfill the bond hours through coaching, trainers, managers, on-ice helpers, or working one of the tournaments at the Stars arena.

Our website [wasagabeachminorhockey.com](http://wasagabeachminorhockey.com) has a wealth of info on it from the rules and regulations to the weekly ice schedule and various contacts info you will need.

Thank you for choosing and trusting us with your child's foray into hockey.

Sincerely yours,

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