

PLAYER EQUIPMENT LIST

Full Hockey Gear Required for All Learn To Skate Sessions

- Helmet w/face mask (must be HECC certified)
- Hockey Skates
- Mouthguard
- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow pads
- Hockey Gloves
- Shin Pads w/straps or tape
- Hockey socks (over shin pads)
- Practice Jersey
- Hockey Pants w/belt or suspenders
- Boys: Athletic Supporter & Cup
- Girls: Pelvic Protector
- Garter Belt for Hockey Socks (or "Hockey Jock" with/Velcro)
- Hockey Stick with tape
- Equipment Bag

Parents who aren't familiar with hockey equipment are encouraged to consult with knowledgeable staff at a hockey equipment dealer before purchasing. Fit is very important – gear that is too large will hinder a skaters' development and may compromise safety. Gear that is too small will be uncomfortable and may not provide the protection needed.

Most helmets are adjustable – ask to have the helmet sized for your player at the time of purchase. Mouthguards are required for all ages – be sure to follow the instructions in the package for fitting. Younger players often need to have excess material trimmed from the mouthguard as this item only comes in two sizes – youth & adult.

For most brands (CCM, Bauer, and others), hockey skates should generally be 1 to 2 sizes smaller than the player's shoe size. PLEASE don't buy skates that are too large – as they won't provide the needed support on the ice.

For younger skaters, it's often best to start with a "straight" stick without a curve to allow the player to shoot either left- or right-handed. (Many kids who write righthanded are lefthanded shooters in hockey and vice-versa.) Ask the staff at your hockey retailer to cut the stick to the proper length and to show you how to apply tape to the handle and blade.