



WJH / Winterhawks Skaters & Family,

We hope this message reaches you all well and finding the new lifestyle with your family enjoyable. As a few of you have noticed we began the process of refunding registrations for the Winterhawks Junior Hockey House Program 2020/2021 season. We wanted to make two distinct points;

- Fall Metro Programming is **NOT cancelled**
- Metro Program & Schedule is being re-designed

Upon extensive discussion we felt it in the best interest of our membership to make adjustments to our timeline and programming. Some positives to these adjustments are expanded touch opportunities, smaller training groups and 3 v 3 cross-ice simulations.

With this adjustment a few things needed to change; 1) While we believe this change in programming will immensely benefit the developing skater, it wasn't the program we originally intended to run and asked our skaters to register for, hence the refunds. 2) An incredible amount of hours are put into developing a season programming budget and the upcoming changes will take some time to vet before rolling out our variable plan for Skills Development.

What we know:

The State of Oregon and the OHA has de-prioritized youth sports. While we use this statement cautiously, we are one of 5 states in the country that currently doesn't allow ice sports as an activity.

- Ice Sports as an activity is currently allowed to operate under "Phase 2 guidance"
- Hockey as an sport is currently allowed to operate under "Phase 3 guidance"

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Activity and Sport are distinctly different; Player skill development will be able to operate under "Phase 2" guidance while league play will be delayed until "Phase 3."

#### PROGRAM RESET

Taking this fluid information into account, we have begun to prepare a variable Skill Development Program. It will begin with a virtual component and lead into 2 and/or 4 ice touches per week (skater's choice) for each age group and scale into a Metro Game schedule once we are into Phase 3.

Our per touch pricing is still TBD due to not knowing county allowable group sizing; it will range from \$20 - \$25 pp. Program will be billed on a monthly basis.

Intent to Participate: We will be rolling out our skater intent to participate registration on Aug 26th. It will cover initial program costs (Jersey & Socks) of \$75.00. This will allow our coaches and staff to do evaluations prior to the season beginning. Season start date is TBD due to county Phase 2 applications still yet to be approved/applied. Intent Fee will be fully refundable until Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

When we have more information we will pass it along to you all. It's our hope you find this information helpful and know we are aiming to be back on the ice as soon as we can safely do so.

WSC & WJH Staff/Coaches