

Key Information for New Parents to East Lambton Minor Hockey

Welcome to the East Lambton hockey family. We look forward to helping your son/daughter succeed in minor hockey, learn new skills, meet new friends, and have lots of fun over the years. We also want to help the parents along the way with this potentially new experience. This letter is to make you aware of the responsibilities you have and the items that need to be completed in your child's first year of minor hockey.

1. Make sure your child has all the required hockey equipment ready for their first ice time, including a hockey stick. In store retail staffs are usually quite knowledgeable to assist parents with sizing and buying new equipment. You may wish to check with a coach the first skate if you're unsure on the appropriate stick length for your child.
2. The coach or manager for your child's team will contact you, usually via email, to notify you about your child's first ice time.
3. Watch the website and subscribe to your child's team calendar to keep up to date with any schedule changes. Ask your team manager if you require assistance regarding the schedule or calendar.
4. Cash calendars are an association fundraiser handed out to each family. These are already paid for as part of the registration process. They can be sold to recover some of the costs of registration.
5. Volunteer cheques, for the amount of \$300.00 postdated to March 1, are to be handed into the team manager. These are only cashed if the volunteer credits are not met. Each family is responsible for three volunteer credits, and must include one mandatory Silver Stick shift. These volunteer opportunities (i.e. collecting entrance fee, working the kitchen, etc.) occur periodically throughout the season. However, please note that most volunteer opportunities are available during the three regional Silver Stick tournaments hosted by Alvinston and Watford. All volunteer opportunities are always posted on the website when they become available and are on a first come first serve basis.
6. New players need to email a picture/screenshot of their birth certificate to the team manager. These go on file with the OMHA.
7. The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) also asks one parent to complete a mandatory "Respect in Sport" online course before that child can be officially added to a team roster. This can be completed anytime between Sept 15 and Nov 15. This course can be found at OMHA.NET. Click the tab "Respect" and find "Education". A new page will appear, and then scroll down and find the "RESPECT IN SPORT / PARENT PROGRAM. Click this, and you will be directed to a sign in page. Follow along on the instructions and you can sign up to complete the course. **Reminder: Keep your certificate number in case it is needed at a later date.**
8. Check the website periodically for any new info that comes out for the parents to be aware of.