

*Welcome!*

Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey  
Association Competitive Hockey Options

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# Introduction

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# Goals for tonight

Explain the differences between each of the competitive hockey options

- House League (All Ages)
- Competitive Pathway Program (U7/U8/U9)
- Minor Development Programs (U8/U9)
- Select Program (U10+)
- Rep Program AA/A/BB (U10+)

Q & A will follow



# U7 Programming - Select 1 of 4 Options Playing on Modified Ice

1. **House League:** participants will be on the ice 2 times per week. House League game and a House League skills session.
2. **House League with Additional Development Training:** participants will be on the ice up to 3 times per week. House League game and skills session as well as one additional practice on skill development. There will be an additional cost for this skill development hour. Day and time of this development hour will be provided in the Fall.
3. **U7 CPP Select Tier 1 Team:** participants on this team **will** participate in House League. This team will be on the ice up to 4 times per week. Preparation phase/ Evaluation phase / Development phase will be held in the Fall. This team will practice as a team on a weekly basis. Additional costs are associated to participating on this team. This team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.
4. **U7 CPP Select Tier 2 Team:** participants on this team **will** participate in House League. This team will be on the ice up to 4 times per week. Preparation phase/ Evaluation phase / Development phase will be held in the Fall. This team will practice as a team on a weekly basis. Additional costs are associated to participating on this team. This team will be comprised of players that did not qualify for the U7 Select Tier 1 team. This team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.



# U8 Programming - Select 1 of 4 Options Playing on Modified Ice

1. **House League:** participants will be on the ice 2 times per week. House League game and a House League skills session.
2. **House League with Additional Development Training:** participants will be on the ice up to 3 times per week. House League game and skills session as well as one additional practice on skill development. There will be an additional cost for this skill development hour. Day and time of this development hour will be provided in the Fall.
3. **U8 CPP Select Team:** participants on this team **will** participate in House League. This team will be on the ice up to 4 times per week. Preparation phase/ Evaluation phase / Development phase will be held in the Fall. This team will practice as a team on a weekly basis. Additional costs are associated to participating on this team. This team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.
4. **U8 MD Team:** this team **will not** participate in House League and be considered a Development Team. This team will be on the ice up to 4 or 5 times per week. Preparation phase/ Evaluation phase / Development phase will be conducted in the Fall to select this team. Costs to play on this team will be based on the team's budget.



# U9 Programming - Select 1 of 4 Options Playing on Modified Ice (half season)

1. **House League:** participants will be on the ice 2 times per week. House League game and a House League skills session.
2. **House League with Additional Development Training:** participants will be on the ice up to 3 times per week. House League game and skills session as well as one additional practice on skill development. There will be an additional cost for this skill development hour. Day and time of this development hour will be provided in the Fall.
3. **U9 CPP Select Team:** participants on this team **will** participate in House League. Preparation phase/ Evaluations/ Tiering will be held in the Fall. This team will practice as a team on a weekly basis. Additional costs are associated to participating on this team. This team will participate in the Competitive Pathway Program.
4. **U9 MD Team:** this team **will not** participate in House League and be considered a Development Team. This team will be on the ice up to 4 or 5 times per week. Preparation phase/ Evaluation phase / Development phase will be conducted in the Fall to select this team. Costs to play on this team will be based on the team's budget. This is a Development Team and will follow Hockey Canada programming.



# Pathway Age Groups (U7, U8, U9)

Clippers Minor  
Development

Clippers CPP Select

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Do the players  
participate in  
house league?

No

Yes

When are ice  
times?

During the week  
beginning at 5:00  
pm. On weekends,  
typically between  
noon and 7:00 pm

HL Games are played on  
Saturday; practices are on  
Sunday. Consistent ice times  
through the season.

Select games and practices are  
during the week beginning at  
5:00 pm. Occasionally on the  
weekend at times not conflicting  
with House League ice times.



# Pathway Age Groups (U7, U8, U9)

Clippers Minor  
Development

Clippers CPP Select

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What's the Season  
Schedule?

Sep: Evaluations  
Oct: Practices  
Nov-end Mar: Games

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Oct: Practices  
Nov-end Mar: Games

How many times  
are you on the ice  
per week on  
average?

Up to Four

Up to Four

- Two and a half hours of practice
- away game
- home game

- house league practice and game
- CPP Select practice
- CPP Select game





# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

Clippers Rep  
(AA/A)

Clippers Select

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Do the players participate in house league?

No

Yes

When are the games played?

During the week—  
beginning at 5:00 pm—  
and on the weekend—  
beginning at 12:00 pm

Typically on Friday nights and on the weekend at times scheduled by the team and not to conflict with House League games/practices



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

## Clippers Rep (AA/A)

## Clippers Select

Is there body checking?

Yes in AA/A from U14 and older

No

No in BB

How many times are you on the ice per week on average?

Up to Four

- Two and a half hours of practice
- away game
- home game

Up to Three (maybe four)

- house league practice and game
- Select practice
- Game



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

## Clippers Rep (AA, A)

## Clippers Select

How are coaches selected?

Through an application and interview process

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How are teams selected?

Coaches select their team through player evaluations that begin in April

Coaches select their team through tryouts that begin in September.

Note: Pathway Age Groups (U9 and below) tryouts are also in September



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

Clippers Rep  
(AA/A)

Clippers Select

When are teams  
chosen?

At tryouts

U10 and above in  
May.

U10 and above in  
Spring.

Pathway Age Groups  
(U9 and below) and  
U18 in September

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Is there a residency  
rule?

Yes, for AA/A/BB/MD  
players must reside in  
the Town of Stouffville  
or within boundary  
area

No residency rules



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

Clippers Rep  
(AA/A) Includes U10  
and above

Clippers Select

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When do teams begin  
to practice?

This depends on the  
coach, typically mid  
to late August

Generally in early  
October

When do games  
begin?

Late September

October



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

Clippers Rep  
(AA/A)

Clippers Select

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When does the season end?

Season play ends at the end of January and playoffs end at the end of March

Season ends at the end of March

How many tournaments do teams participate in on average?

Up to 4 tournaments per season

Up to 3 tournaments per season

For Pathway Age Groups (U9 and below), tournaments are referred to as “Jamborees”



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

	Clippers Rep (AA)	Clippers Select
May I be rostered to a Clippers AA/A team as an Affiliate Player (AP)?	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to the age group above</li><li>• to a higher category (e.g. an BB/MD player can AP to an A team)</li></ul>	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to the same age group or</li><li>• to one age group above</li></ul>



# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

## Clippers Rep (AA/A)

## Clippers Select

What is the estimated cost per season?

Average of \$4500

Average from \$750 to \$1,200

Each team sets its own budget which varies by category (AA/A/MD) and depends on the amount of ice purchased, the number of tournaments attended and the team merchandise purchased, among other things.

House league fees plus Select team fees, which range from \$750 to approx. \$1,200 depending on the team budget. Team parents have input into the budget.





# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

## Clippers Rep (AA/A/MD)

## Clippers Select

What is included in a team budget?

Ice  
Tournament fees  
Registration fees  
Team uniforms  
Referee fees  
Timekeeper fees  
Team apparel  
Private instructors  
Meetings  
Photos  
Team events  
Administration costs

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# Competitive Hockey (U10+)

Clippers Rep  
(AA/A/MD)

Clippers Select

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Who are the governing  
bodies?

- OMHA

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- OHF

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- Hockey Canada

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# Lake Ontario Region (LOR) Rules

- Only affects residents of Toronto, Mississauga, Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Ajax/Pickering, Oakville, Brampton and allows players to play with teams outside of their municipality of residence. Stouffville Minor Hockey is not part of these rules, therefore cannot accept players from other associations with the same level and cannot release players who reside in Stouffville to go play for another association if they are offering the same levels.



QUESTIONS?

