

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT:

Don't be intimidated by the stuff!

Helmet	Elbow Pads
Gloves	Neck Guard
Hockey Pants	Shin Guards
Jock/Jill Shorts	Shoulder Pads
Skates	Stick
Jersey/Socks	Mouth Guard

There are ways to reduce costs:

- The Pond offers a rental equipment program.
- GYHA runs a used hockey equipment sale in the fall.
- Hockey starter sets can be purchased at a lower cost for starter players ages 4-8 years old.
- We have several options for goalies to help out!! Don't let the gear get to you. If your kid would like to try the position we can help with



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COME PLAY HOCKEY!

**Welcome to Geauga Youth
Hockey Association!**

This guide will assist you in understanding the path to becoming a part of the greatest game on ice!



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What You Need To Know To Start Hockey

A strong skating foundation is required for a child to have fun and be successful in learning the game of hockey. Children interested in playing hockey for GYHA must have successfully passed USA Hockey's Learn to Skate 1 & 2 programs. If your child needs to learn how to skate, or needs to be assessed to determine if he/she is ready to begin playing hockey, please contact The Pond Ice Arena for an assessment and program offerings.

Tryouts for GYHA fall hockey teams are in the spring. Beginner hockey players, Mites: children age 4-8, do not have tryouts, but are evaluated in the spring and fall and placed on teams according to skill. To learn more about tryouts and Mite assessment dates, please visit:

www.geaugayouthhockey.com

Today's Hockey

Gone are the days where hours were spent skating on the local pond, flooded back-yard rink, or street-hockey in the neighborhood. Kids schedules today are packed! Children's attention spans for long, solitary repetitions have been replaced with the need for immediate gratification. To meet the needs of today's children, hockey has evolved to meet our changing lifestyles .

Today's hockey has a different look, but garners the same skill development. Kids are now taught through small area games which maximizes their learning potential for skills and establishes an environment for them to hone their decision-making aptitude to learn to play the game.

GYHA hockey practices keep kids involved, active, and interacting constantly so that a strong foundation of skills can be built and developed as they progress in size, maturity, and age. Active practices keep kids physically involved, growing in ability, while having fun with the sport.

Geauga Youth Hockey Association follows the progression established by USA Hockey's American Developmental Model. This hockey evolution ladder establishes goals for the skills which should be mastered at each age. These guidelines help give your child the best opportunity to increase skills on the ice, while having fun, keeping costs down and preventing burn out. Learn more about hockey development at www.admkids.com.

GYHA provides kids a healthy, family-friendly environment to learn hockey and grow in skills that will enrich kids lives for what they do on and off the ice.

Hockey is a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime!

Come start the fun with

Geauga Youth Hockey Association today!



Hockey Facts

- ◇ A hockey season runs from late August through late February. 4-8 year olds will be on the ice 2-3 times a week.
- ◇ 9+ children are on the ice 4 times a week.
- ◇ Parents do not have to know hockey to have their kid play the sport. GYHA is a family-friendly, volunteer run organization that will help you learn what you need to know so you and the whole family can enjoy this great sport!
- ◇ Hockey is based on a child's birth year. Age divisions are broken into the following categories:

MITE 8 & UNDER
SQUIRT 10 & UNDER
PEE WEE 12 & UNDER
BANTAM 14 & UNDER
HIGH SCHOOL

Once in high school, a child can try out for their local team. The following High School Hockey teams skate out of The Pond:

Aurora, Chagrin Falls, Kenston, Orange, and University School.



See You On The Ice!!!!