



## Hockey Development-Elementary

Summit Academy Hockey Development begins the week of September 12, 2022. Please note that there will be no parents allowed in the arena and also note the following:

**Location:** BMO Center, 61 Gary Martin Dr in Bedford.

**Days of the Week:** Tuesday and Friday

**Drop Off Time:**

- To comply with facility/arena rules, students must be dropped off at the BMO at 8:00am.
- Students should come dressed with all of their gear on, including skates, if at all possible. We recommend hard rubber skate guards be used.
- Goalies should be able to dress themselves and will be able to put their pads on in the dressing rooms at the arena.
- Please do not drop off at Summit Academy as there will be no transportation from the Academy to the BMO arena.
- Ice sessions begin at 8:15am.

**Head Coaches:** The hockey development skill sessions will be developed and delivered by professional, qualified, and experienced coaches.

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** If you are interested in being a volunteer assistant coach, please contact Shane Joseph at [shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca](mailto:shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca) as soon as possible. We welcome all volunteers provided the appropriate paperwork has been submitted to the Head of School.

**Goaltending Instructor:** Jack Hartigan, a former Jr. A goalie who coaches many Major Junior and Pro goalies.

**Students:** All student participants must be a registered hockey player with Hockey Nova Scotia for the 2022/2023 playing season.

**Dressing Rooms:**

- There will be a dedicated female dressing room.
- Coaches will supervise the dressing rooms.
- A female parent volunteer will be needed to supervise the female dressing room. Please contact Shane Joseph at [shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca](mailto:shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca).
- Dressing rooms are not allowed to be locked due to facility rules, fyi.
- Any parent volunteers MUST have all volunteer paperwork completed and on file with the school.
- As a general theme, students are expected to look after themselves at the arena and be



independent from their parents. Your daughter and/or son are expected to tie their own skates. If necessary they should practice at home.

- Coaches will not be available to tie skates for students who are not able to tie their own. Coaches do not have time due to preparing for practice. Coaches will have time to assist with buckling helmet straps.
- No males are allowed in the female dressing room, and no females are allowed in the male dressing rooms.

**Start time:** The hockey development skill sessions will start at 8:15am. Please ensure your child is aware that she/he is expected to be on the ice on time, as it is disruptive to the coaches and other students if a player is consistently late. If a player is consistently late, they may be removed from the hockey skill sessions either temporarily or indefinitely.

**Behaviour:** The Summit Academy Code of Conduct is in effect during all skill sessions, including during transportation back to the school. Appropriate and respectful behaviour towards the coaches and toward other students/ players, is expected at all times on the Summit Academy campus and arena facilities.

**Transportation Waiver:** ALL students who will be riding in the Summit Academy van/bus for transportation back to school after Skills Sessions MUST have a signed [Transportation Waiver](#) on file, prior to the start of Skills Sessions. Students who do not have a signed waiver will not be allowed to use Summit Academy transportation until the waiver is received.

**Dress Code:** Players who are not new to the skill sessions should bring his/her Summit Academy practice hockey jersey and socks (if they still fit). New families will be able to order a practice jersey and socks shortly.

**Gear Storage:** The gear bags will be stored at Summit Academy during the day. Gear is not allowed to be stored at the BMO Centre. Please note that players are responsible for their own gear. Players must ensure that their gear bags/sticks are put into the Summit Academy trailer for transport back to the school. Students are expected to carry their own gear from the Summit Academy trailer into the gymnasium on campus for storage. Summit Academy is not responsible for lost items.

**Code of Conduct:** All players are expected to adhere to the Summit Academy Code of Conduct during all aspects of hockey development skill sessions, including but not limited to in the dressing rooms, on ice, and during transportation to/from Summit Academy. Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct could result in suspension and/or expulsion from the hockey development skill sessions.

**Attendance:** If your student is going to be late or absent from the hockey development session on any given day, please contact the school, as per Summit Academy's Safe Arrival procedure. You can notify the school of any absences or late arrivals by sending an email to [attendance@summitacademy.ca](mailto:attendance@summitacademy.ca), or leaving a message at 902-405-0435.

**Week 1:** Please note that the coaches are not familiar with many of the players. Consequently, the purpose of week one will be to evaluate the skill level of each player. This evaluation will allow our



coaches to modify our skill sessions to achieve the best possible results.

**School Cancellations:** Please note that if school is canceled due to inclement weather or for any other reason, there will be no hockey skill sessions on that day.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about the hockey skill sessions, please do not hesitate to speak to Shane Joseph at [shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca](mailto:shane.joseph@summitacademy.ca).

**We are all looking forward to a fantastic year of hockey development!**