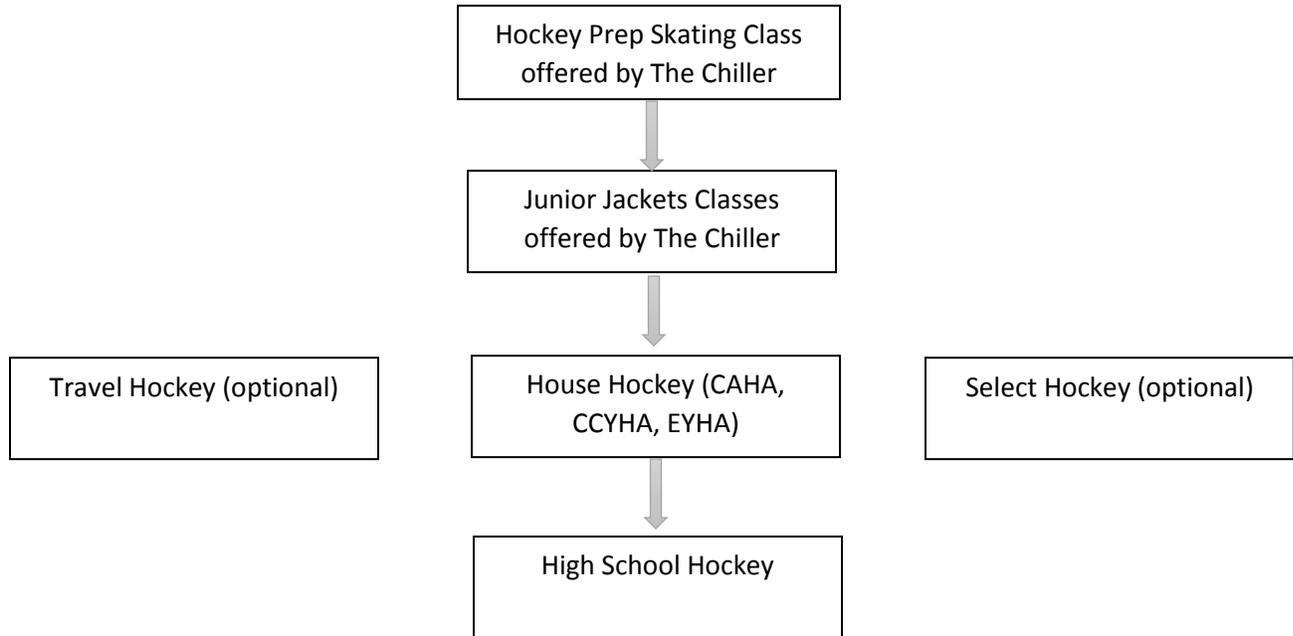


LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

If you have a child that is interested in playing hockey, you can use this information to help you get started. The first step is learning to skate. The Chiller offers a class that teaches players of all ages how to skate in hockey skates for kids that want to eventually play hockey. After completing this class, kids can then enter the Junior Jackets program to begin to learn the fundamentals of the game. After completing the Junior Jackets program, players are then ready to begin playing hockey in a “house” program. All of this is explained below.



Hockey Prep Skating Class for ages 6+ - Learning to skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class will focus on proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning, and more while skating in hockey skates. Sign up for this class on The Chiller’s website: <http://thechiller.com/?pageName=page&pageid=44>

Junior Jackets Classes - Junior Jackets classes are a great way to get involved in hockey and learn the basic skills of skating, stick handling, shooting and team play. Classes are offered year 'round at the OhioHealth Chillers for all ages and abilities and are taught by highly professional instructors. Sign up for these classes on The Chiller’s website: <http://thechiller.com/index.cfm?pageName=page&pageid=278>

House Hockey – There are three main youth hockey organizations in the area. Each of these organizations has a “house hockey” program. Players will be put on a team and typically play other teams within the same organization and all games are local. Players can remain in the house program all the way until they enter high school. Information on each of these hockey organizations can be found on their website:

Capital Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) – <http://www.cahahockey.com> (Chiller North)

Columbus Chill Youth Hockey Association (CCYHA) – <http://www.ccyha.org> (Chiller Dublin)

Easton Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) – www.eyhaicedragons.org (Chiller Easton)

Select Hockey – Players that would like a little higher level of competition may choose to try out for a “Select” team. Select players will continue to practice and play on their house team but will also get to play on their select team. Select teams will compete in out-of-town tournaments. Try outs for select teams are done in the fall after the house season has started.

Travel Hockey – Players wishing to get the highest level of competition may try out for a “Travel” team. Travel players will not play in the house league and will practice and play exclusively with their travel team. Travel teams typically play in a travel league and games will be played in the region. Travel teams will also compete in out-of-town tournaments. Try outs for travel teams are held in the spring after the regular hockey season ends for the following year.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Isn't hockey very expensive?**

The cost of hockey is more than some other sports because of the cost to rent the ice. Keeping good quality ice is expensive. The House hockey programs are reasonably priced when compared to a lot of other sports. You can keep your costs down by buying used equipment and playing house hockey.

- **Where do I get hockey equipment?**

You can get used hockey equipment from Play It Again Sports and online. There is nothing wrong with buying used hockey equipment. However, you should always buy a new helmet! New equipment can be purchased from Perani's Hockey World or online. The Chiller offers a used equipment sale every fall which is a great place to pick up cheap equipment. Check their website to get the date. Each hockey organization also offers equipment to families that have a financial need. You can contact them for details.

- **Isn't there a lot of travel out of town for hockey games?**

If your child stays in the house hockey program, all of your practices and games will be at one of the local hockey rinks.

- **When is the hockey season?**

The House hockey season begins in late September and ends in February.

- **When are practices and games?**

House teams typically will practice twice a week and have a game on the weekends.

**We are always available to help you get started in youth hockey or
answer any questions you may have!**

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