

Goaltender Development at OCMHA

Our Approach

Goaltender skills have become increasingly specialized in recent years. No longer is it enough to strap on some pads, stand between the pipes and hope for the best. Today's butterfly style goaltending requires focus on skills that are very unique to the position.

To ensure proper development of our young goalies, OCMHA recognizes the need to provide development opportunities for our goalies throughout the season beyond what they receive during team practices. Our goalie development program provides skill development opportunities for goalies at all levels with emphasis on our younger goalies.

Skill Development

Our skill development program for goalies has three elements:

- pre-season development clinics for all goalies to shake out those summer cobwebs
- monthly goalie development sessions throughout the season to ensure that goalies continue to receive specific goalie coaching throughout the season
- goalie skills awareness and drill programs for OCMHA team coaches to ensure that team practices include opportunities for focused goalie development.

OCMHA has teamed up with [Andrew Mercer Hockey Development](#) to provide our skills program. Andrew and his team of shooters have worked with OCMHA for a number of years to ensure that our goalies are exposed to the latest developments in goaltending skills and receive effective drills to develop those skills.

All the information you need to know about the pre-season development clinics and the registration form is included in the OCMHA registration package. The cost for the pre-season clinics is also on the registration form. These clinics are a great deal. It will cost you 3 to 4 times as much to get the same quality instruction in the local hockey schools.

Goalie development sessions throughout the regular season will start shortly after the regular season gets underway. In general, each OCMHA team will be able to send their two goalies to these clinics. More information on these clinics will be available by early October. The cost for these clinics for team goalies is covered by the association.

Goalie Equipment

Hockey equipment is expensive and quite specialized. When you have to buy goalie equipment in addition to player equipment, hockey becomes considerable more expensive. Also, for players new to goaltending, goalie equipment can be confusing and complicated. To reduce the expense, OCMHA has a number of sets of goaltending equipment.

OC's association owns enough equipment to:

- fully dress two IP (initiation program) goalies
- provide one set of goalie equipment for each novice and atom team
- provide equipment to equip half the number of peewee teams

Our approach recognizes that as goalies get older, they will have their own equipment. We may have a very limited amount of equipment for bantam or midget goalies, but the focus of our equipment program is our younger players.

It is important to remember that our equipment program is intended to ensure that each of our younger teams has access to goalie equipment. **As a result, equipment is generally signed out to team managers or coaches instead of individual families.** In the pre-season before teams are formed, the goalie equipment manager will work with the conveners in each division to ensure that as many players as possible who want to try their hand at goaltending have access to equipment during player evaluations.

Equipment Rental

Our goalie equipment is funded solely by rental of the equipment through the season. We do our best to ensure our goalies have fairly new equipment, but limited funding generally means we keep our gear for about five years. As a result, not all of our equipment is shiny and new like the gear in hockey stores.

The association provides pads, chest protector, trapper, blocker and dangler for all the younger teams. We have a very limited number of goalie skates, helmets and goalie sticks. Generally, teams are expected to buy their own goalie sticks.

The equipment rental costs for the season (Sep to Mar) are:

Item	Deposit	Rental
Full set of equipment	\$200	\$100
- pads		
- chest protector		
- trapper		
- blocker		

- dangler		
Pads only	\$100	\$50
Chest Protector only	\$50	\$25
Blocker and trapper only	\$50	\$25
Goalie skates	\$50	\$10

Equipment can also be rented for the preseason alone and special arrangements can be made for out of season equipment rental. Costs for these rentals will be prorated based on the seasonal rental cost.

When signing out the goalie equipment, teams or individual goalies will pay the full deposit amount for the equipment. When the equipment is returned the deposit will be refunded less the rental cost. Cheques should be made out to OCMHA.

More Information

If you would like more information on goalie development at OCMHA please contact our Director of Goaltender Development, [Peter Egener](#) at 613-260-7803.