



WELCOME TO HOCKEY FUNDAMENTALS
WINTER 2023

Dear Parents and Skaters,

The Thunder Bay Skating Academy is excited to welcome all of our new and returning members to our **HOCKEY FUNDAMENTALS** Program. We are proud to offer you this program taught by CanPowerSkate coaches and Skate Canada Club Coaches trained under Skate Canada's Programs. We are excited to spend the next 10 weeks with you for what we expect to be a very exciting and eventful session.

What can you expect from a typical session?

- 1) On your first day of skating please enter the rink (FW Gardens) and make your way to the left hand side of the arena. There you will find the changerooms (Dressing Room A will be available for you) to get your skater ready to go with skates & helmets on.
- 2) On-ice delivery: once skaters enter the ice surface, we will begin with a 6 minute warm up, we will then work through the specific circuits & skills for that week.
- 3) The sessions will focus on continuous movement emphasizing the use of newer and more dynamic group teaching concepts. If you were in our CanSkate program last season, this is a continuation of what your skaters did last year, focusing more on developing strong edges, increased power and agility to further develop the skaters interested in pursuing hockey.

What do I need to bring?

When preparing for the first session, it is a good idea to wear some warm pants and a jacket on the ice along with hockey gloves OR if desired skaters may wear their full hockey equipment. **Use of sticks is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.**

Please be aware that we do require that all skaters have on a **CSA approved helmet**. Helmet Policy: As per our governing body "Skate Canada" all skaters must wear a CSA approved helmet at all times while on the ice surface.

Schedule

We have attached a complete ice schedule for your skater's session, these will also be posted on our website if you misplace this initial copy. This schedule will include any cancelled dates, time changes and all other necessary information.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Be sure to stay tuned to your emails for news and events. Also our website and FB page are always full of information about upcoming events, time-changes and fundraising initiatives, check us out at thunderbayskating.com, Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter and Instagram!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us at thunderbayskatingacademy@gmail.com . Thank you for your interest in our new "Hockey Fundamentals" program, part of CanPowerSkate/Canskate - Canada's premier learn-to-skate program. The Thunder Bay Skating Academy is excited to have you aboard this season!

Yours in skating,

Thunder Bay Skating Academy