



TORONTO LEASIDE GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

International Development Program

International Program Information for Players - Midget Aged Players

The TLGHA started this program in 2012 to help with the development of players from countries with emerging national hockey programs. The program includes the billeting of international players seeking a training opportunity in Canada.

With approval and support from the IIHF, Hockey Canada and the OWHHA we have created a formula here in Leaside that has seen very positive development and great reviews from the players, their parents and coaches.

International Player Development Program:

Our mandate is to find placement for international players under the age of 18 on our Wildcats Midget teams – ages 15 to 17 – as we prefer to place players who are mature enough to be away from home for 6 to 8 weeks, but are still minors.

Toronto Leaside Role:

- Host a player/players for a period of approx. 8 weeks - timing dependent and to be approved.
- Secure support from Midget coaches who have space on their team and the support of team families.
- Host Team to: provide a Billet Family who will be responsible for lodging, food & travel to and from practices and games. Host family members over 18 will complete a Police Background Check.
- TLGHA will coordinate, with the assistance of the NZIHF, all the administrative details with regards to transferring of players from their home association to Leaside. The association will pay the OWHHA registration fees, which includes Hockey Canada player insurance.
- The team covers the cost of all associated regular team training costs (practices and games), team jerseys and socks.
- Director of International Programs (Andy Smyth) will work with the team and the billet family to coordinate the players' weekly schedules; incorporating daytime activities as well as practice and game transfers to host team and other Leaside teams as a pick-up player as schedules allow.

Player Responsibilities:

- All costs associated with International Transfers which at the present time are \$300CDN for U18 players, but subject to change.
- Flight costs.
- Personal spending money.
- Any additional training NOT covered by team or provided by the Association
- Travel and personal insurance.
- We encourage our visiting players to do volunteer work with the association while here – which in the past has included volunteering in our Learn to Play programs.

Expectations for Player Conduct:

- New Zealand Ambassador – you are on "show" and represent NZ Women's hockey... We want the host Families to have a great experience and to want to volunteer again.
- Volunteer to help your host family with dishes, chores, cleaning.
- Keep your personal space tidy, have good personal hygiene and tend to your own laundry – ask your host to show you how to use the washer/dryer. Do not make work for them.
- Have exemplary manners, strike up conversations; do not ignore your hosts, engage with them
- Be ready and waiting at door for pick-ups for practices and games.
- Players should make the most of their time in Canada, so find things to do, dryland training/gym, treadmill, pick up hockey/shinny.... There is lots to keep you busy!



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- At the request of the association, and as schedule allows, volunteer with some of the introductory hockey programs offered by the TLGHA.
- Be proactive with coaches, talk about expectations and development opportunities.
- Be a good sport, show respect to coaches, teammates, officials and opponents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Regards,
Andrew

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I have read and understand the above role as a player and guest of the Toronto Leaside Girls Hockey Association during my stay.

Players Full Name: _____

Players Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents Name: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____

TLGHA Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____