





What Accreditation Does this Clinic Give Me? By taking this clinic, you become trained as a Level 1 Instructor of Skating This clinic is geared towards instructing players aged 5 – 8 but can be used for any age of athlete

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What Other Clinics Can I Take? Hockey Canada currently offers Instructional Stream clinics in these areas of focus: Skating Skills Developing Defencemen Shooting and Scoring Small Area Games Checking Skills Goaltending Hockey Canada will add more areas of focus as the Instructional Stream develops

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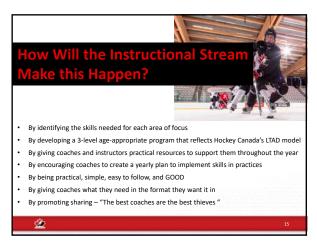
Why Did Hockey Canada Develop the Instructional Stream? Drawbacks Players overcompete and undertrain Adult programs are imposed on children Training programs for males are imposed on females Preparation is geared to short-term outcomes Knowledgeable coaches are concentrated at the elite levels The competition system interferes with athlete development Early specialization is demanded Fundamental movement skills and sport skills are not taught properly. Parents are not educated about long-term athlete development (LTAD)





Why Did Hockey Canada Develop the Instructional Stream? Consequences Players have poor movement abilities Players lack proper fitness and athleticism due to lack of multisport activity Skill development is poor Bad habits develop because of the overemphasis on winning Key skills are undeveloped and unrefined because of undertraining Female athletes don't reach their potential because their programs are inappropriate Kids don't have fun, because they're playing in adult-based programs There's no systematic development of the next generation of successful players









More specifically... we plan to do things differently in these key

- Development plan
- Skill improvement
- Drills
- Observation
- Sequencing/Progressions
- · Teaching progressions





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- Identify the specific skills needed to develop our players
- Decide how to best develop these skills in our players
- Implement specific skill development in our drill designs and practice plans
- Develop and make available resources that can help us achieve our goals
- Design a productive yearly development plan



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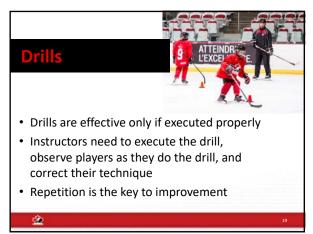


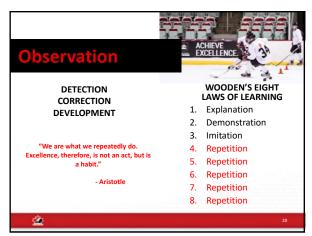
- To best develop the skills their players need, instructors need to know:
 - Where players are in their skill development
 - Where players need to get in their skill development
 - What skill development is required
 - What tactical development is required
 - How to teach/instruct the skills players need
 - What teaching process to use
 - What game/team play consists of
- Once an instructor knows the areas players need to work on, he or she needs to include efficient drills focused on repetition and specificity in all practices

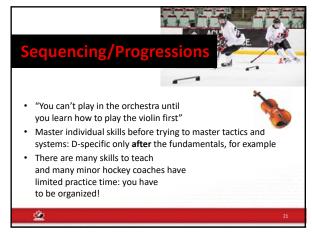
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Teaching Progressions	
5 key points to consider:	
1) Technique	
2) Practice	
3) F.I.O. – Figure it Out	
4) Practice with purpose and speed	
5) Game application	
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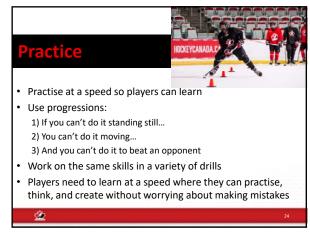
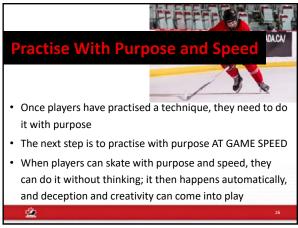






Figure It Out Figure It Out is all about creativity and improvisation If players are attached to the outcome —if they're worried about making a mistake — they won't reach their creative potential — they need to let go! Create or set up the drill, and let players decide on the patterns

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Once players have mastered technique, once they've practised, once they've figured it out with purpose and speed — then comes the most important aspect of all!!! We all know great practice players, but the great ones can do it in a game! To get players to buy into this approach, you need to show them how it applies IN A GAME

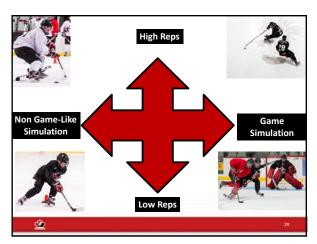
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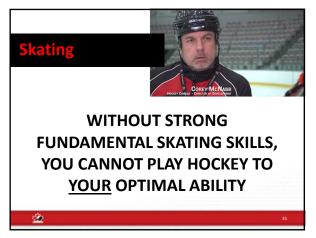




















Skating's Foundational Property

- 1. If you cannot skate well, you cannot handle a puck to your optimal ability
- 2. If you cannot skate well, you cannot pass to your optimal ability
- 3. If you cannot skate, you cannot shoot to your optimal ability

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Skating Foundation... Stating Foundations... Just because skating is the Foundational Technical Hockey Skill, does not mean skating skills should be addressed only in early years TWO reasons why should players continuously address skating skills: Continuous Learning Progression: 3 Stages of Learning/Teaching a Skill or Concept Introduce (i.e. IP, Novice) Pevelop (i.e. Atom, Peewee, Bantam) Refine (on-going stage) (i.e. Midget +) Multi-faceted Concept Education: in addition to continuously developing and refining Technical Hockey Skills, hockey players are ALSO required to progressively learn and develop the following skills and concepts: Technical Hockey Skills Individual Tactics Team Play System Strategy





Teaching Skating

- When teaching hockey players how to skate, at any age and caliber level, it is not necessary to break down skills into the most finite movements – Be realistic!
- Players are getting, bigger, stronger, faster, and smarter, however rarely does an entire group of players skate the same – nor should we expect them to skate the same. Adapt your instruction to enhance each players' individual skating traits!
- Technical knowledge is most useful for the coach (for skating skill analysis and correction) — Overly technical approaches are not beneficial to most players!
- Video analysis (iPad, etc.) is a very powerful correctional and educational tool, for coaches and players!

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Teaching Skating

- Coaches should address the major points of proper skating technique, in an <u>age specific and progressive approach!</u>
- * Breakdown skills into manageable and clear progressions!
- Emphasize the <u>importance of skating</u> in today's game, to your students/players!
- Skating is not the most exciting subject for players. <u>Make your skating development is fun and interactive for your students/players!</u>
- **❖** KEEP THEM MOVING!!!

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What is "POWER" Skating?

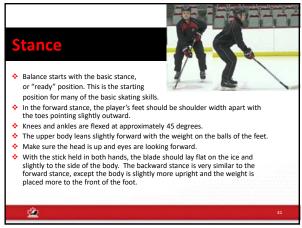
- Designed to teach a hockey player how to skate more efficiently
- <u>Efficiency</u> = better technique, stronger, faster, and ultimately less tired when performing skating skills
- How do we obtain efficiency? Via the following player progression:
 - Correct technique
 - Correct technique, with power
 Power with speed and agility
 - Speed and agility with a puck
 - With a puck and under stress
 - Power Skating is NOT a conditioning or "bag-skate" session

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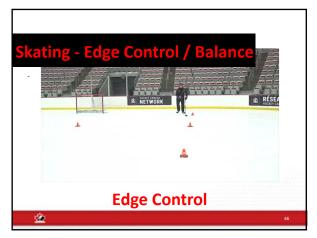




















- Same as Forward Stride: Load, Extend, Glide, Reload Backwards Difference = Balance point in first half of foot

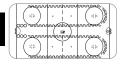
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 Backwards Difference = Extension

 Extension:

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- A strong skater maintains proper stance, loads leg completely, pushes to full extension, glides efficiently on loaded foot, and recovers quickly
 Stick and arms are working with lower body Momentum (free arm do not cross mid-line)











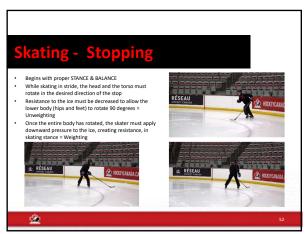
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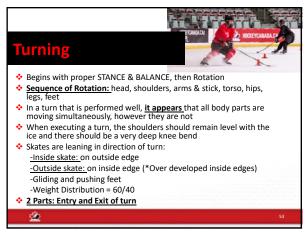


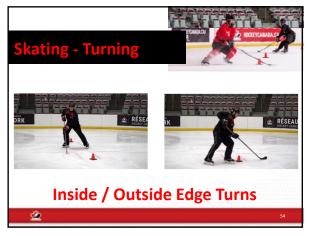
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Glide Turns

Tight Turns



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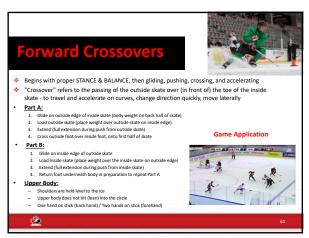


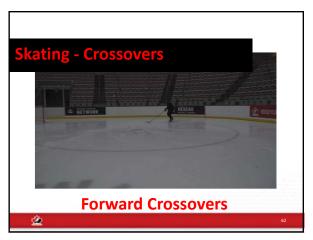


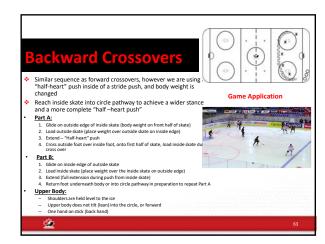








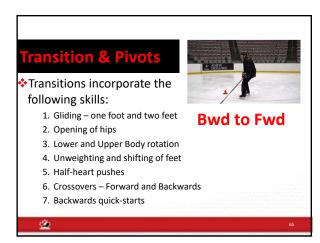








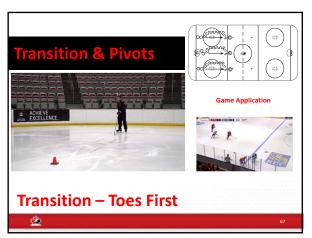














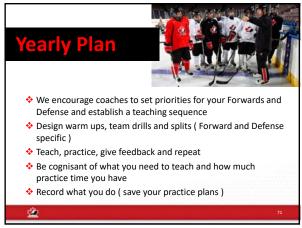






Coaches - Food For Thought! Coaches must also continuously refine their Technical Hockey Skills & Coaching abilities As the players change, so does the game - coaches must also adapt to a changing game There are 8 Specialized Skating Skills - It is your job as a coach to provide age specific, progressive, technical, and correctional training to enhance these skills Off-ice training is extremely valuable in assisting with Skating Skill Development

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