

HIERARCHY OF YOUTH ICE HOCKEY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT PALM BEACH ICE WORKS

PALM BEACH ICE WORKS is a state-of-the-art training facility. It houses the only Olympic sized sheet of ice in Florida. There is an in-door track; full gym; and a RapidShot Training Machine. **ICE WORKS** is the home to many skating professionals and the **BREAKERS** travel ice hockey programs.

	IN-HOUSE REC	REC-SELECT TEAM	SELECT (TOURNAMENT) TEAM	TRAVEL TEAM
COST OF THE PROGRAM	\$	\$-\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$
TIME COMMITMENT	2 days per week (1 practice/1 game)	team determines their own schedule	practice: 2 days per week; random scrimmages; tournaments, if available	practice: 2-3x per week; 18 game schedule- determined by league; random scrimmages; participation in 3-5 tournaments (may be out of state)
COACHING CREDENTIALS	USA Hockey certified; volunteers with hockey experience and/or background	USA Hockey certified; coaching experience; volunteers with hockey experience and/or background	USA Hockey certified- high level certification; experienced; professional	USA Hockey certified- high level certification; must complete age appropriate modules annually; professional
COMPETITION LEVEL	plays same in-house team over and over again; does not travel to other arenas	teams determines schedule and opponents; must participate in the In-House Rec. program	somewhat competitive; players should have ice hockey experience- preferably travel hockey; tryouts used to choose team players	highly competitive; players must have experience; older divisions must qualify for STATES tournament; tryouts used to choose team players

DEFINITIONS OF THE YOUTH ICE HOCKEY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT PALM BEACH ICE WORKS

In-House Rec: *This is the level your child should begin if he/she has just graduated from LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY or HOCKEY 101. This is the starting point from which all the other youth hockey programs develop from. All games are played at the ICE WORKS facility. As an added bonus this season, practices will be professionally coached. Head coaches will be on the ice during the practices and will coach the team during games.*

Rec-Select Team: *You may be interested in this type of team if your child has some hockey experience. This arrangement affords your child the 'travel' experience without the cost and time commitments required during the travel hockey season. There are no set practice days- the team purchases random available ice times from ICE WORKS to use towards practice. There is no set game schedule- the team contacts other local arenas to schedule scrimmages vs. their Rec. Select Teams (can also scrimmage against Tournament Teams or Travel Teams). Ultimately, the families determine the cost- which would be based on the amount of ice time purchased for practices and/or scrimmages.*

Select (Tournament) Team: *This team is designed so players can 'travel' to other arenas to play scrimmages and attend tournaments; without being bound to a game schedule set forth and determined by a league (examples of leagues in Florida: FAHL; CFHL, SFHL). Main focus is development through practices. May have a set schedule or may have the option of purchasing random available ice times from ICE WORKS to use towards practice (see REC. SELECT TEAM).*

Travel Team: *The PALM BEACH BREAKERS is the travel organization affiliated with ICE WORKS. Arenas usually have a travel organization affiliated with them. The travel season runs approximately 6 months (August-end of February/early March). Each travel team is responsible to pay a league fee and register with a league. The league then determines the schedule for the season. Typically games are every other weekend; 2 games being played on either Saturday or Sunday. Games can be as far north as Daytona, as far south as Kendall, or as far west as Ft. Myers. In addition to the cost of the program, other costs incurred are travelling expenses; hotel expenses; additional scrimmages; tournament entrance fees, to name a few. Travel players should be 100% committed to their team.*