



OPERATIONAL POLICY: ALTERNATE SEASON PROGRAMMING
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POLICY STATEMENT

Hockey Canada and its member branches support the Long-Term Player Development model (LTPD) and the need for athletes to participate in other sports. However, there are some families that do make hockey their choice for physical activity during the typical off-season. Hockey Alberta is committed to improving the experience for those who wish to participate during the off-season and we are focused on making the experience as valuable, safe and fair for the participants as possible.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Hockey Alberta has established the Alternate Season as a window of time for those that wish to continue hockey outside of the traditional model. Developing skills should always remain the focus of the program.

Alternate Season Programs eligible to register with Hockey Alberta must fit one of the following definitions:

- 'Skills Camps' consist of on ice training/development sessions that take place over a period of one to three days (ie – weekend skills camps);
- 'Development Programs' consist of mostly on ice training/development sessions within a defined schedule taking place over the course of weeks and/or months;
- 'Hockey Schools' consist of on and off ice sessions that take place over a period of three or more days and engage players in various skill development opportunities;
- 'Team Programs' operate between April 1 - July 15 and consist of practices, games and/or tournaments.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Any organization (MHA or otherwise) wishing to register their program with Hockey Alberta may inquire about eligibility by submitting a completed Alternate Season Program Sanction Request to the Hockey Alberta office.

Programs will be considered for sanctioning and registration if they:

- Are willing to adhere to all Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada rules, regulations and policies;
- Have an established player development plan specific to the target age group(s);
- Are operating a Team(s), Skills Camp, Development Program or Hockey School;
- Have a process in place to screen potential team officials and program operators.