



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



>>> WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 HOCKEY SEASON!

As we kick off another exciting season, Hockey West Island would like to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. We're looking forward to another fantastic year filled with skill development, teamwork, and memorable moments on the ice!

>>> IMPORTANT DATES

Season (games) start dates:

- U9: Sunday December 1
- U11: Saturday October 19
- U13, U15, U18: Saturday October 12
- Junior, Senior: Saturday October 12

There will be no practices, games, or clinics on these dates:

- Thanksgiving (Monday October 14)
- Halloween (Thursday October 31)

>>> MONTREAL CANADIENS EVENT FOR U11 PLAYERS

The Tim Hortons Mini 1-on-1 competition is an opportunity for young U11 hockey players in the province to show off their skills and have the chance to experience the Centennial game in Boston on December 1st!

[INFO HERE](#)



IMPORTANT

>>> PLAYER RESPECT - ON AND OFF THE ICE

Unfortunately, in the first few weeks since we started back on the ice, there have already been players disrespecting each other, saying racist and sexist comments, and behaving in unacceptable ways. We have also heard from families that some of our players (all the way from U9 to U18) are being harassed and bullied at school because of the level they're playing or how they skate. While HWI cannot control how players act when they are away from the rink, we ask that parents please speak to their children about their behaviour and words.

We remind EVERYONE (players AND family members) of the commitment they made when signing the Hockey Quebec Player and Parent Code of Ethics.

Failure to comply with the Code of Ethics may result in the member losing privileges including the opportunity to participate in HWI activities and events both now and in the future. If complaints are received, HWI will investigate those complaints and if the investigation process substantiates the complaint, the individual(s) responsible may be subject to suspension.

The vast majority of the individuals that make HWI a success are volunteers who selflessly give up their time to support others. There is NO justification at any point for acting belligerently toward those individuals regardless of the circumstance. Incidents of inappropriate behaviour or beratement, including on social media, toward the volunteers of HWI will be dealt with in a harsh manner and may include removal of the player and their family from HWI.

>>> COMPLAINTS PROCESS AND FORM

IT IS THE PRACTICE OF HOCKEY WEST ISLAND THAT CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS BE ADDRESSED AT THE CLOSEST LEVEL TO THE ISSUE.



Every attempt should be made to address disagreements and personal conflicts between parents, coaches, or players at the team level. Using the form to escalate an issue to the HWI Complaints Officer or Executive for resolution should be viewed as a last resort.



>>> PLAYER AND GOALIE CLINICS



Our very popular autumn player and goalie clinics will be starting the week of October 7th. We will also have a winter player clinic session that will start after the New Year.

Registration for all clinics will be through HCR only, and payments are due in full by credit card during registration. If goalie clinics are paid by the goalie's team, the fee reimbursement is to be worked out between the goalie's family and the team. All clinics are for registered HWI players and goalies only.

PLAYER CLINICS

MONDAYS

U9 & U11 skills clinics
Westwood Arena
6pm-7pm
10 weeks

MONDAYS

U13 & U15 skills clinics
Westwood Arena
7pm-8pm
10 weeks

TUESDAYS

U9 & U11 skills clinics
Bob-Birnie Arena
4:30pm-5:30pm
10 weeks

GOALIE CLINICS

MONDAYS

U9 & U11 goalie clinics
Bob-Birnie Arena
6pm-7pm
20 weeks

MONDAYS

U13 and higher goalie clinics
Bob-Birnie Arena
7pm-8pm
20 weeks



FOR ALL CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS AND DATES, VISIT THE CLINIC PAGE ON THE HWI WEBSITE. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 7PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, AND WILL CLOSE ONCE FULL.

CLINICS



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