

Hockey Events - Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Challenge

Invite the Hockey 1-4 participants plus members of the local hockey association by creating fun and challenging skills competitions. Ages should be divided by 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under, and adult. These age groups may be combined based upon number of entries.

HOCKEY 1-4 ELEMENTS:

Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. The following elements have been chosen for the skaters to perform. Format choice: Each skater performs the first element before moving on to the next element and so on **OR** each skater performs all the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed**
- Time: 1:00 or less

HOCKEY 1

- Proper basic hockey stance, forward and backward
- March forward across the ice, 8-10 steps
- Two-foot glides and dips from forward marching
- Forward swizzles/double C-cuts (4-6 in a row)
- Stationary snowplow stop

HOCKEY 2

- Forward strides using 45-degree V-push, focus on good recovery and alternating arm drive
- Forward C-cuts: single leg and alternating feet in a straight line
- Backward hustle or march, then glide on two feet
- Backward swizzles/double C-cuts (4-6)
- Two-foot moving snowplow stop

HOCKEY 3

- Forward C-cuts (half-swizzle pumps) on a circle, both directions
- Forward outside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis
- Forward inside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis
- Backward C-cuts on a circle, both directions
- Backward snowplow stops: one- and two-foot V-stop

HOCKEY 4

- Quick starts using forward V-start
- Backward one-foot glide, right and left
- Forward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counter-clockwise
- Backward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counter-clockwise
- Hockey stops (to right and left, with speed)

HOCKEY SKILLS CHALLENGE:

Have skaters complete each of the following five skills competitions. Set up each station according to the descriptions below. Skaters earn points upon placement in each station (first place - 5 points, second place - 4 points, third place - 3 points, fourth place - 2 points, fifth place - 1 point). Highest combined total wins.

1. **Shooting:** Using a "shooter tutor," give each skater 10 pucks to shoot into the five holes. Alternate each shot into the different holes in the tutor. Most number of hits wins.
2. **Fastest Skater:** Starting at the center red line, have skaters complete one lap around all of the dots and behind the nets. Set up cones on each red dot to outline the course. Two to four skaters can race at a time at different sides of the red line. Use stopwatch. Fastest skater wins.
3. **Stick Handling:** Place two rows of staggered cones down the length of ice. Have skaters stick handle through the cones down one length and back again. Shortest time wins. A missed cone is a five-second penalty.
4. **Agility:** Set up an obstacle course with cones for forward and backward skating, turns and stops. Fastest skater wins.
5. **Passing:** Set up stationary targets (i.e. cones, bucket, mini net) 25 feet away from starting line. Give each skater 10 pucks to try to hit each target. Highest number of hits wins.