



# The Hockey Puck



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## FREE

### Youth Hockey Clinic

**Begins – March 10, 2024**

The Staten Island Ice Hockey Association (SIHA) and the New York City Department of Youth & Community Development (NYCDYCD) welcomes Staten Island children ages 5 through 17 to their beginner's ice hockey program. This program will take place at the Staten Island Skating Pavilion, 3080 Arthur Kill Road, on Sunday mornings, at 8:00 AM.

This beginner's clinic was made possible by a New York City Council discretionary funds which were obtained by our Staten Island Council Delegation: Joseph Borelli, and David Carr. The grant is being managed and administrated by the **SIHA** through the DYCD for the children of our borough. The SIHA solicited this grant to give Staten Island children the opportunity to enjoy this sport of ice hockey. Our goal is to teach children how to ice skate and learn the game.

#### THE SIHA CLINIC

Is a complete ice hockey learning experience,  
divided into  
three, distinct phases of instruction

#### Phase 1 - The Skating Clinic (March 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>)

The most important and longest of the three phases. It emphasizes development and improvement of skating abilities. Instruction includes posture, balance, agility, and power skating. Sticks are not used during this phase of instruction.

#### Phase 2 - The Hockey Clinic (April 21<sup>st</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>)

Devoted to stick techniques - offers individual instruction for developing puck handling, passing, and shooting skills.

#### Phase 3 -The Game Clinic May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Game strategy, team concepts and positional play.

### SIHA INSTRUCTORS

SIHA/DYCD hockey clinic will be administered by President John Donohue and his administrated staff Louis Fraser, and Jack Hellman, on ice activities will be supervised by our Program Director Louis Coluccio. His staff of experiences instructors are Steven Wiatrak, Michael Scahel, Christopher McMahon, Joseph DeFilippo, Justin Knudsn, Michael Siano, and James Vassallo. Parent Coordinator Danielle Coluccio. Web Manager John Donohue III. SIHA lost at WTC: Instructors, Nick Rossomundo, Michael Cammarata., Frank Esposito, & Carl Paralta.

### Equipment

The **SIHA** requires all children to wear a SIHA clinic hockey jersey. Parents provided personal equipment: Hockey ice skates, helmet with a face mask (HECC approved), shin guards, mouthpiece, neck protector, elbow guards, and gloves, boys must wear a cup. Tape the skater's first name on the front and back of the helmet.

We have been in existence since 1973 and it has been our experience that a dollar spent on equipment is a dollar well spent. When a skater falls on the ice there is less of a chance of injury if equipment is worn. Children learning to skate fall constantly, equipment allows children to fall without fear of pain or injury. We do not supply any personal equipment to skaters.

**A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT AT THE CHILDS 1<sup>ST</sup> APPEARANCE AT THE CLINIC/RINK AND INDICATE A PERSON RESPONSIBABLE FOR THE YOUTH WHEN ABSENT**

A limited number of vacancies still exist, skaters will be assigned a color-coded Hockey Jersey and assigned to a skating group by age, ability, or the number of children enrolled. It will determine a group size and ice schedule.

### 3 Month – Ice Hockey Clinic Schedule

March:	10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>
April:	7 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
May:	5 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>
June:	2 <sup>nd</sup>
No Clinic:	March 31 <sup>st</sup> and May 26 <sup>th</sup>



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