

The Atlanta Fire Path to Travel Hockey

Step 1: Enroll in the **Learn to Skate Program** (SAM 1-2) which will give you're player the basic knowledge of balance, edge control, and confidence on their skates to advance to the next step.

Step 2: Enroll in the **Learn to Play Hockey Program**. This program has 4 levels of skill development. Each level is designed to help players advance their skills from level 1 through level 4. Once the player completes the 4 levels they will graduate into the Fire House Development Program.

Step 3: The next step will be Enrolling into the Fire House Development Program, which picks up right where learn to play hockey left off. The focus of this program is to establish and enhance the players individual skill along with teaching the game of hockey. The skills at the forefront of this program will be power skating, puck control, passing, shooting, and when to apply these skills in a game setting. Remember, this is the only youth sport you play where you're son or daughter is not balanced on their feet alone, they must learn to balance on a 1/8" wide piece of steel first. The more time spent with dedicated coaching, along with on ice practicing, the faster they will become proficient and confident in their abilities.

Keys to the Fire House Development Program:

- 1. Ice touches!!: Being on the ice more with a concentrated focus on skill development is imperative for the players to advance to more elite levels.
- 2. Professional Coaching: Coaches with years of experience teaching kids, not only in the game of hockey, but instructing them the proper way to be better students (LOOK-LISTEN-LEARN). Remember, relating to kids is not for everyone, and takes a lot of effort and commitment to reach kids in different ways.
- 3. FUNdamentals: We want all the kids to love the game. We will teach the game in a positive yet structured environment. Players are expected to be great listeners, and hard workers. This will lead to a tremendous amount of skill development.

Step 3: The Atlanta Fire Travel Hockey Program has one of the best traditions within the southeast district. Just look at the <u>alumni page</u> on the Fire website, and you will see so many success stories. While travel hockey isn't for everyone, playing the game at your most competitive level is both a rewarding and challenging feeling.

We offer travel level teams starting with the Mite 8U all the way up to the Midget 18U level. We have both AA, and A skill level teams, and our house league <u>select</u> level would be considered B.

This sport is a family sacrifice similar to a travel baseball team schedule in the summer time. The higher level travel hockey (AA ELITE) you play will dictate the amount, as well as, the distance of travel for your seasons play.

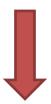


The Atlanta Fire Hockey Program Flow chart

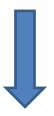
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Stay within the Fire House Development Program through 14U