

Hockey Canada Core Skills





INITIATION

Balance and Agility	Edge Control	Starting and Stopping	Forward Skating and Striding	Backward Skating	Turning and Crossovers
☐ Basic stance ☐ Getting up from the ice ☐ Balance on one foot ☐ Gliding on two skates ☐ Gliding on one skate — forward and backward ☐ Lateral Crossovers — step and plant	□ Figure 8's – forward – inside & outside edge □ Figure 8's – backward – inside & outside edge	□T-start □Front v-start □Crossover start □Backward c-cut start □Backward crossover start □One o'clock - eleven o'clock □Outside leg stop □Two-foot parallel stop □One-leg backward stop □Two-let backward stop	□ C-cuts – left foot / right foot / alternating □ Forward striding	□ C-cuts – left foot / right foot □ Gliding on two skates – backward □ Gliding on one skate – backward	☐ Glide turns ☐ Tight turns ☐ C-cuts — around circle — outside foot — forward & backward ☐ Crossovers — forward & backward ☐ Backward on-foot stop and t-start ☐ Pivots — bwd to fwd & fwd to bwd ☐ Pivots — open & reverse

Stationary Puck Control	Moving Puck Control	Stationary Passing and Receiving	Moving Passing and Receiving	Sweep Shot	Wrist Shot
☐ Stance	☐ Narrow	☐ Stationary forehand	☐ Moving forehand pass	☐ Forehand	☐ Forehand – low
□ Narrow	□ Wide	pass	☐ Moving backhand pass	☐ Backhand	☐ Backhand – low
□ Wide □ Side – front – side □ Toe drag – side	☐ Open ice carry – forehand & backhand ☐ Weaving with puck	☐ Stationary backhand pass ☐ Stationary bank pass	☐ Lead pass		
□ Toe drag – front	□ Toe drag – front & side □ Puck in feet				

Flip Shot	Individual Offensive Tactics	Individual Defensive Tactics	Warm Ups
□ Forehand	□ Body fakes □ Stick fakes	□ Angling	☐ Arm circles ☐ Trunk rotations ☐ Leg swing front to back ☐ Leg swing side to side ☐ High knee ☐ Heel kicks





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Edge Control	Backward Skating	Moving Puck Control	Moving Passing and Receiving	Wrist Shot	Tips and Deflection
□ One leg weaving – forward & backward	□ Backward sculling	□ Side – front - side	☐ Pairs passing ☐ Moving bank pass — forehand ☐ Moving bank pass — backhand ☐ Pass and follow	□ In motion	Stationary tips – on ice - low

Individual Offensive Tactics	Offensive Tactics – Defensive Zone	Offensive Tactics – Neutral Zone	Offensive Tactics – Offensive Zone	Individual Defensive Tactics	Defensive Tactics – Defensive Zone
□ Attack triangle – puck	☐ Escape moves	☐ Cross & drop	☐ Net drive	☐ Forward skating	☐ Role of F1
under stick	 Puck retrieval basics 	☐ Pass & follow	☐ Middle drive	□ Backward skating	☐ Role of F2
	□ Direct pass – wall	☐ Give & go	☐ High delay	□ Changing directions	☐ Role of F3
	□ Direct pass – midlane	☐ Headman	☐ Wrap around	☐ Active stick	☐ Role of D1
					☐ Role of D2

Defensive Zone	Plyometric Exercises	Balance and Coordination	Off-Ice Stickhandling
□ DZ coverage – basic □ DZ coverage - rotation	□ Power stride □ Power leap □ Side step jumps – crossover □ Agility cones □ Bounding side to side	□ Bounce ball on blade □ Flip ball up / knock down	□ Ball control – narrow & wide combination □ Ball control – side / front / side □ Ball control – toe drag – side & front combination □ One touch pass – forehand / backhand □ Saucer pass – forehand / backhand □ Freestyle stickhandling moves





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Stationary Passing and Receiving	Moving Passing and Receiving	Snap Shot	Slap Shot	Individual Offensive Tactics	Offensive Tactics – Defensive Zone
 □ Stationary saucer pass – forehand □ Stationary saucer pass - backhand 	☐ Moving saucer pass — forehand	□ Low	□ Low	☐ Change of pace ☐ Fake pass ☐ Fake shot – deke ☐ Puck protection basics ☐ Defender as screen ☐ Picks & screens ☐ Defense stagger ☐ Flat skating ☐ Control skating ☐ Saving ice	□ Rim pass

Offensive Tactics – Neutral Zone	Offensive Tactics – Offensive Zone	Individual Defensive Tactics	Defensive Tactics – Offensive Zone	Defensive Tactics – Defensive Zone	Offensive Zone
☐ Stretch skate & pass	☐ Low delay	□ Positioning	☐ Role of F1	□ Puck carrier behind the	☐ Middle drive
☐ Chip pass	☐ Attack triangle	□ Pinching	☐ Role of F2	net	☐ Wide drive
☐ Regroups	□ Walkout	□ Gap control	☐ Role of F3	□ Corner – into / out of	☐ Wide entry – high delay
	☐ Give & go out of corner	☐ Pressure or contain	☐ Role of D1	□ Net front	☐ Wide entry – low delay
	☐ Give & go behind net	□ Tracking	☐ Role of D2	□ Point	☐ Crosses
	☐ Low cycle	☐ Backside pressure		☐ Side boards	
		☐ Head on a swivel			
		□ Play non puck carrier –			
	l	take away pass			
	l	☐ Play puck carrier – with	1		
		pressure			

Face-Offs	Warm Ups	Plyometric Exercises	Balance and Coordination
☐ Face-off techniques	☐ Hip abduction walks	 □ Forward & reverse lunges □ Squat thrusts □ Squat jumps 	□ Ball throw / catch – combinations





PEEWEE

Moving Passing and Receiving	Snap Shot	Slap Shot	Tips and Deflection	Offensive Tactics – Defensive Zone	Offensive Tactics – Neutral Zone
■ Moving saucer pass - backhand	□ One timer	☐ One timer☐ In motion	☐ Shot / pass deflection — forehand & backhand	□ Chip pass	☐ Ladder☐ Jackhammer☐ Counter attacks☐

Offensive Tactics – Offensive Zone	Individual Defensive Tactics	Defensive Tactics – Neutral Zone	Breakouts	Offensive Zone	Forechecking
□ Change point of attack	☐ Pinning	☐ Role of F1	□ Wheel option	☐ Chips	□ OZ 1-2-2 – contact
☐ Drag & shoot	□ Body checking	☐ Role of F2	☐ Quick up	☐ Cycle	 OZ 2-1-2 – contact
□ Sprint & shoot	☐ Shot block	☐ Role of F3	□ Over	□ Back of net play	
□ One timers		☐ Role of D1	□ D turnback	Changing the point of	
		☐ Role of D2	□ D to D reverse	attack	
				 Defenseman activation 	
				options	
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Special Teams	Face-Offs	Stretching
☐ Power play	□ Defensive zone loss	☐ Glutes / hip / lower
□ Penalty kill		back
		☐ Thigh / hip flexor
		□ Calf stretch
		☐ Hamstring / lower back
	1	☐ Thigh / quad stretch
		☐ Groin stretch
		□ Chest / pectoral stretch
		☐ Trunk / shoulder
		☐ Forearm stretch
		□ Neck flexion / rotation





BANTAM / MIDGET

Offensive Zone	Forechecking	Special Teams	Face-Offs
Soft dump	■ NZ 1-2-2 – press	 Power play breakout 	Defensive zone win
Ladder plays	■ NZ 2-1-2 – contact	 Penalty killing forecheck 	Offensive zone
Hard rim			