

PHILOSOPHY

All too often, hockey players learn to play hockey long before they learn to skate. The purpose of our program is to teach sound skating technique to both the beginner as well as the more advanced player. The beginner will learn skating principles that form good habits from the start, while the more advanced player will improve and strengthen skating fundamentals. The idea is to so ingrain good skating habits that they become second nature to the player. This achieved, the player is prepared to excel in other aspects of the game. As a result, they will enjoy the game of hockey more and be stronger, more productive members of their teams.



It is mandatory for all classes that players have a caged helmet, hockey gloves, stick, elbow & knee pads, as well as a neck guard. All individuals entering the arena are expected to follow the building health and safety guidelines.

THE PLAYER'S EDGE

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2026-2027 WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE



DESIGNED FOR
PLAYERS

Ages 3-14

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WHO WE ARE

Matthew Gadlage

has coached many area travel hockey teams. He has 39 years of experience as a goalie and has been a member of The Player's Edge staff for the past 22 years. He is currently the Co-Owner of the program with his wife, Angelika. Together, they believe in the importance of the most overlooked aspect of hockey- SKATING, and advocates, "With hard work comes good results."



Angelika (Hauser) Gadlage

is an elementary school teacher with 37 years of skating experience. She has been a member of The Player's Edge staff since its founding 29 years ago, coaching all levels, from tots to travel teams. Angelika believes, "That if you can't skate, you can't play."



SCHEDULE

Birmingham Sports Arena

Series I - 12 weeks (Sept 14 - Nov 30)

Series II - 12 weeks (Dec 7 - Mar 9)

• No Classes Dec 28 & Jan 18

MONDAY EVENINGS

Beginner's Clinic:

30 minutes - 6:30-7:00 pm

Pre-Novice Clinic :

45 minutes - 6:15-7:00 pm

Advanced Clinic:

45 minutes - 7:35-8:20 pm

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Beginner's Clinic: (30 minutes)

Birmingham Studio Rink

It is designed as a fun introduction to hockey for players aged 3-7.

The **Beginner's Clinic** is intended for **FIRST** or **SECOND YEAR** skaters with little or no on-ice experience. The stick and puck will be introduced, but simple drills that teach proper skating technique are the main emphasis. Players will work on balance, skating posture, stopping, turning, pushing, and gliding.

Pre-Novice Clinic: (45 minutes)

Birmingham Main Rink

Is designed for players ages 7-14 with some basic skating experience.

The Pre-Novice Clinic will teach the fundamentals of skating technique and introduce basic hockey skills. After a brief warm-up, 45 minutes will focus on balance, stride, edge work, crossovers, transitions, and puck control. Attention to detail with high-tempo drills is the foundation for this group, making it a destination for many players looking to supplement their weekly team skates.

Advanced Clinic: (45 minutes)

Birmingham Main Rink

It is designed for players aged 9-14 with high-level travel-level hockey experience. The Advanced Clinic focuses on intensive individual edge work and stride development for high-level players. Players performing drills at top speed, allowing them to compete in games at the same speed.

REGISTRATION FORM

Player's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Player's Age: _____

Team: _____

☐ **Series I** ☐ **Series II**

☐ **Beginner - \$288**

☐ **Pre-Novice - \$372**

☐ **Advanced - \$372**

*Please note that the final placement of players into the appropriate levels is at the discretion of the coaches

A full non-refundable payment is required with all applications. Please make the checks payable to:

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There is a \$30 fee charged for returned checks

PARENTAL CONSENT:

I/We hereby authorize the participation of the above-mentioned player(s) in The Player's Edge Hockey School. I/We further agree that instructors, Matthew and Angelika Gadlage, shall not be held liable for any injury, illness, damage, or loss incurred by the player(s) while attending or participating in this program.

Parent(s)
Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

