

# Avalon Celtics Program Guide

2025-26



## Welcome to the 2025-26 Season!

We're excited to kick off another year of Celtics hockey! Our focus is on helping every player grow their skills, build confidence, and develop a lifelong love of the game. Thank you for your support — here's to a fun and rewarding season ahead!

If you have any questions as you move through the registration process, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Executive Director, Jeremy Bishop, at [jbishop@avalonceltics.com](mailto:jbishop@avalonceltics.com).

## For New Players

**(Skip this section if your player is a returning player)**

If this is your first time registering a player for minor hockey, the first thing you need to do is get a Hockey Canada ID. Here is how to do this:

- Go to the [THIS PAGE](#) for a guide to create you HCR.
- Your child will be assigned a unique Hockey Canada Registry ID. Record this number and keep it somewhere handy. This number will follow your child for their hockey career!
- **If you have moved to Newfoundland and Labrador from another province** and thus have a Hockey Canada Registry ID, but have never registered with an NL association before, please email our Executive Director, Jeremy Bishop ([jbishop@avalonceltics.com](mailto:jbishop@avalonceltics.com)), for assistance before attempting to register.

Please visit [this website](#) to determine where you player should play.

You can now proceed to the Registration process outlined below.

## Adding a Sibling

If you have one child who has a Hockey Canada ID # and you are looking to register a sibling, you can go through the process above OR you can email Jeremy Bishop ([jbishop@avalonceltics.com](mailto:jbishop@avalonceltics.com)) to set up a new Hockey Canada ID # for your new player without having to do the Respect in Sport course again.

## General Registration Information

### TeamSnap

- AMHA uses TeamSnap for registration, scheduling, and communication. You can access it via [go.teamsnap.com](https://go.teamsnap.com) or through their mobile app, available in the Apple or Google Play stores.

- Prior to the start of League play, AMHA will add your player to a roster and the team will automatically appear in the mobile app.
- Note that if you have a TeamSnap account from another sport or association, you do not need to create a new one for your Celtics registration.

## Payment

- Online registration accepts credit card only.
- For alternative payment methods, email Jeremy Bishop, Executive Director, at [jbishop@avalonceltics.com](mailto:jbishop@avalonceltics.com).
- You may pay in full up front or in four equal instalments throughout the season (select your option in the TeamSnap app when registering).
- If you have more than 2 children registering with AMHA, you get a 50% discount on the base fee for your 3<sup>rd</sup> registration and beyond. Please contact Jeremy at [jbishop@avalonceltics.com](mailto:jbishop@avalonceltics.com) to get the discount applied before completing your registration.

## Payment Support Programs

AMHA works with organizations offering financial support to eligible families, please refer to the program websites listed below for additional guidance;

- **City of St. John's REAL Program:** <https://www.stjohns.ca/en/recreation-culture/real.aspx>
- **BreakAway Foundation:** <http://www.breakawayfoundation.ca/>
- **Jumpstart:** <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>
- **Hockey Canada Assist Fund:** <https://assistfund.hockeycanadafoundation.ca/en/page/apply.html>

## Age Divisions

The following chart outlines the age ranges for each division.

Year of Birth	Age	Division
2019-2021	4-6	Learn to Skate (LTS)
2017–2020	5–8	U9 Minor / U9 Female
2015–2016	9–10	U11 Minor / U11 Female
2013–2014	11–12	U13 Minor / U13 Female
2011–2012	13–14	U15 Minor / U15 Female
2008–2010	15–17	U18 Minor / U18 Female

## Learn to Skate / Under 9

Division	Fee	Ice Allocation
Learn to Skate	\$400	20 hours
U9	\$800	40 hours

## Learn to Skate

The Learn to Skate program is new players who are being introduced to the sport of hockey.

- 1 hour per week for 20 weeks on Saturday morning.
- Projected to start the first week of October.
- Cost is \$400. **50% discount for first time players.**
- Sessions are typically run Saturday morning.
- Learn to Skate participants may transition to their respective Minor program (e.g. Under 9) prior to or during the season if approved by the Technical Director.

## Under 9

- Program consists of a 1-hour practice session on Saturdays (AM) and a 1-hour skills session or intra-squad game on Sundays (AM).
- Projected to start the first week of October.
- Cost is \$800. **50% discount for first time players.**
- Players are divided into “Major” and “Minor” divisions to group players of similar age and skill. The first few sessions are used to determine the divisions. Note that for this season, U7 and U9 are combined, so there is no separate U7 division.
- Opportunities to participate in inter-association Jamborees may come up throughout the year, and are an extra fee.

**First time hockey registrants (i.e. players who did not have a Hockey Canada Registration # prior to this season) are charged half of the fees above for their first year of hockey.**

House League (U11-U18 Minor)

Division	Fee	Ice Allocation
U11	\$800	20 practice hours + games (~1/week)
U13	\$800	20 practice hours + games (~1/week)
U15	\$800	20 practice hours + games (~1/week)
U18	\$800	10 intrasquad games + MCHL games (~2/week)

- The regular season is project to start in early October.
- All U11–U18 Minor teams play in the Metro Club Hockey League (MCHL, [www.MCHL.ca](http://www.MCHL.ca)) , which offers ~20 regular season games (10 home, 10 away) plus playoffs.
- First time hockey registrants (no prior HCR#) are charged half of the fees above for their first year of hockey.

## All Star (U11-U18)

- In order to be eligible for try out for an All Star team, you must first register as per the “House League” section above. You will have the option to register for all star tryouts at that time.
- If your player is still participating in tryouts for AAA/AA programs, you should only register with Celtics after they have been released from those programs.
- Final All Star fees have yet to be determined as we await final details on the number of league games and cost for officials.
- U11–U15 All Star teams play in Don Johnson Hockey League (DJHL), which offers ~20–24 regular season games plus playoffs and Provincials.
- U18 All Star plays exhibition games/tournaments + Provincials.
- The first time hockey registrants discounted rate does not apply for all star fees.

## Girls Hockey

All U11–U18 Female teams play in Girls Metro Hockey League (GMHL), which typically offers 18–24 regular season games plus playoffs.

If your player wishes to play Girls Hockey this upcoming season, select the Girls Hockey option when registering (one registration for all age groups.)

## Additional Programming

### Sweat Camp

Our Sweat Camp is a great way to get back into the swing of all things hockey as your player prepares for the tryout and evaluation season.

- 4 1-hour sessions in early September
- \$100 per player

### Powerskating

Celtics piloted a new optional powerskating program last season and it is coming back by popular demand!

Registration for this program will be announced at a later date.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Avalon Celtics rely on volunteers to make our programs successful! We have many volunteer opportunities available, including:

- Coaching teams (head coach and assistant coaches)

- Managing teams
- Fundraising committee
- Other small projects as they arise (e.g. running canteen during a tournament, doing music at games, etc.)

If you are interested in helping out this season, please select the types of volunteering that interests you during the registration process!

## Looking Ahead

We hope this guide provides you with the information you need for a successful and enjoyable season. We are excited to see our players grow, develop, and have fun on the ice. Thank you for being a part of the Avalon Celtics family!