

GREAT VALLEY ICE HOCKEY CLUB

The **Great Valley Ice Hockey Club (GVIHC)** is an organization of players and parents who are dedicated to the development of student athletes as hockey players. Our mission is to promote the growth of hockey in the Great Valley School District and provide Great Valley students with the opportunity to develop their skills as hockey players and compete in games at a level that is commensurate with their skill level. For additional information, please visit our website: <http://greatvalleyicehockey.com>. Also contact us at greatvalleyhockey@gmail.com.



Elementary School Team: Great Valley participates in the Ice Line Elementary School League. The league runs from October/November through March. The season consists of 6 practices and 12 games, which begin in November. We may offer optional weeknight practices. All games are played at Ice Line on weekend mornings. The Elementary School League is available for players in K-4 (exceptions may be made for players in 5th grade who are new to hockey). Multiple divisions to accommodate both new players (B Division) and more experienced (AA, A Divisions) players.

Middle School Teams: Great Valley participates in the Middle School League, which is operated out of Ice Line (some games played at other area rinks). The MS team is available for players in 5th through 8th grades. Last season we had three teams, including a Middle School Varsity team and two Junior Varsity teams. For the 2022-2023 Season, we will once again partner with Phoenixville and hope to field at least two teams. The season will consist of weekly practices (Wed 6:10-7:10 p.m.), 14 games (starting in Oct) plus playoffs. Most games will be played on Sunday, Monday and Friday evenings.



High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams: For the 2022-2023 season, Great Valley and Phoenixville will be partnering to field a Boy's Varsity team in the Pioneer Division of the Inter-County Scholastic Hockey League (ICSHL). For players who are interested in playing JV, there will also be an opportunity to play on a combined team with Conestoga. High School Varsity practices will be on Mondays from 4:45-6:00 p.m. We are also interested in exploring the feasibility of starting up a Girl's Varsity team to play in the future.

We are looking for new players to join our program. If you would like to play ice hockey, but haven't played before, please see the other side for info about programs offered by local area rinks that will teach you how to skate and play hockey. It is recommended all new players first participate in a Learn-to-Play Hockey program

Learning and Development Programs for Beginner Hockey Players



Learn-to-skate programs are designed to teach beginner hockey players the fundamentals of skating. It's important for beginning players to become comfortable on the ice, learn the basic hockey stance, stride, knee bend, use of edges and how to stop before moving into a learn to play program. Most local rinks offer Learn-to-skate programs. They typically have multiple sessions over the course of the year, with each

session lasting approximately 6 weeks. Rental skates are available, but each skater must provide their own bicycle or hockey helmet. See the rink websites below for information about their Learn-to-Skate programs.

Once your son or daughter has learned the fundamentals of skating and is comfortable on the ice, they are ready to move on to a Learn-to-Play program. Learn-to-Play Hockey programs allow new players to develop their hockey skills while growing their love for the game. Every week players will work on skating skills, puck skills, and participate in on-ice games. Full hockey equipment is required to participate in Learn-to-Play programs, including hockey skates, hockey helmet with face-shield, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, hockey pants, shin pads, cup/pelvic protector, hockey socks, and stick. See the rink websites to learn more about their Learn-to-Play programs.



A great option for first-time participants who are between the ages of 5-9 is the Flyers Rookie Program. This 6-week program is similar to the Learn-to-Play programs that are run by the local rinks, but this program includes a full set of hockey equipment for your child, including Ice Hockey Helmet with a cage, Shoulder pads, Elbow pads, Hockey gloves, Hockey pants, Shin guards, Skates, Jersey, Hockey Socks, Stick, Equipment bag. Upon completion of the Flyers Rookie Learn-to-Play program, participants will be able to keep the equipment.

See the Flyers Rookie website <http://learntoplay.nhl.com/flyers> for more information, and for the upcoming events in our area. Each rink only offers one or two sessions. These programs are extremely popular and sell out. This program is available to players who have not participated in any other hockey program before.

Please visit the websites of the local-area rinks for more details about their learn to skate and learn to play programs as well as other hockey programs such as camps, clinics and public skate schedules:

<p>Ice Line 700 Lawrence Drive West Chester, PA (610) 436- 9670 iceline.pointstreaksites.com</p>	<p>PowerPlay Rinks 701 Haywood Drive Exton, PA (610) 458-9160 skatepowerplay.com</p>	<p>Oaks Center Ice 100 Pennco Road Oaks, PA (610) 650-9690 oakscenterice.com</p>	<p>PNY Sports Arena 1646 West Chester Pike West Chester, PA (610) 696-6000 pnysportsarena.com</p>	<p>Elite Edge 19 N. Bacton Hill Rd Malvern, PA (610) 247-1963 elite3edge.com</p>
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