

# Beaumont Hockey Academy

## Information Guide

### 2026-2027



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## Program Overview

The Beaumont Hockey Academy (BHA) is a school-based hockey program designed to support experienced student-athletes in developing their individual hockey skills within an educational setting. The program is offered at École Horizon Heights School for students in Grades 4–6 and at École J.E. Lapointe School for students in Grades 7–9. BHA is open to students in both English and French Immersion programs and welcomes participants of all genders.

Students who do not reside within the attendance boundaries of these schools may apply to attend as School of Choice students. Families interested in this option are encouraged to contact the BHA Program Coordinator for additional information.

BHA participants attend programming approximately twice per week from September through March, for a total of 45–50 sessions. Sessions may include on-ice instruction, dryland training, and occasional special events such as Oil Kings Hockey Hooky. Whenever possible, student timetables are designed to minimize time missed from core academic subjects. Groupings are determined using a variety of factors, including player ability, grade level, and classroom placement, with typical group sizes ranging from 20–30 players, including an average of four goaltenders.

Under the guidance of instructors from Serdachny Power Skating and Hockey, student-athletes focus on developing fundamental skills such as skating, puck handling, passing, shooting, and offensive and defensive strategies. As students progress through the program, instruction expands to include position-specific and situational skill development. Goaltenders receive targeted goalie instruction multiple times throughout the BHA season.

Guaranteed registration for current 2025–2026 BHA students in good standing is open from **March 4 to March 16, 2026**. Families seeking additional information or wishing to be added to the prospective student interest list are invited to contact the BHA Coordinator, Caitlin Pedersen, at 780-929-5904 or [caitlin.pedersen@blackgold.ca](mailto:caitlin.pedersen@blackgold.ca).



# GENERAL POLICY

## 1.0 OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Policy Manual

The Beaumont Hockey Academy (hereafter referred to as “BHA”) has developed this Policy Manual to outline the policies, procedures, and operational guidelines that govern the delivery of the program. This document is intended to support transparency, consistency, and clarity for students and parents/guardians.

This Policy Manual forms part of the registration requirements for participation in BHA and should be read in conjunction with the **Online Informed Consent / Parent Permission Form**, which must be completed prior to participation in the program.

The Online Informed Consent / Parent Permission Form collects and/or provides access to the following information and acknowledgements:

- Beaumont Hockey Academy – Student Information Sheet
- Student Behaviour Expectations and Code of Conduct
- Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) and Media Consent
- Jersey and Apparel Sizing Information
- Most Recent Hockey Level and Tier
- Medical Information
- Transportation Permission and Self-Arranged Transportation Information

Completion of the online registration and consent forms constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of the policies and expectations outlined in this manual, as well as applicable **Black Gold School Division (BGSD)** policies and procedures.

### 1.2 Additional Forms

As part of program delivery, BHA partners with an external service provider, **Serdachny Power Skating and Hockey**. Parents/guardians are required to complete a separate waiver provided by the service provider prior to their child’s participation in BHA programming.

The waiver link will be distributed electronically before the program begins. Participation in BHA sessions will not be permitted until all required documentation has been completed.

### 1.3 Session Delivery

The Beaumont Hockey Academy will deliver approximately **45–50 sessions** over the course of the school year. While every effort is made to adhere to the published schedule, session dates, times, and locations may be subject to change or cancelled due to facility availability, school scheduling, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Whenever possible, changes will be communicated to parents/guardians in advance.

The majority of sessions will be **on-ice instruction**. However, BHA programming may also include **dryland training sessions** and **special events** (e.g., Oil Kings Hockey Hooky) as part of the overall instructional program. All sessions are considered instructional time and are treated as an extension of the school day.

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## 2.0 DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS

### Fee Schedule:

School	BHA Fee	Non-Refundable Deposit (confirms registration)	Payment 2	Payment 3
<b>Skaters</b> École Horizon Heights School (Grades 4-6) École J.E. Lapointe School (Grades 7-9)	\$2750.00	\$816.66	\$966.66	\$966.67
<b>Goaltenders</b> École Horizon Heights School (Grades 4-6) École J.E. Lapointe School (Grades 7-9)	900.00	\$375.00	\$525.00	N/A
<b>Apparel Fee</b> (mandatory for all members)		\$150.00		

### 2026-2027 Payment Deadlines:

**Non-Refundable Deposit\*** (returning members): **March 16, 2026**

*\*New members will have their Non-Refundable Deposit deadline sent to them via e-mail.*

**Apparel Fee:** **May 31, 2026**

**Payment 2:** **August 31, 2026**

**Payment 3:** **September 30, 2026**

### 2.1 Non-Refundable Deposit & BHA Apparel Fee

A **non-refundable deposit** is required at the time of registration. Registration is not considered complete until the deposit has been received. The deposit and apparel fee **will not be refunded under any circumstances**, including withdrawal, absence, dissatisfaction with the program, scheduling conflicts, or disciplinary action.

### 2.2 Injury-Related Refunds

In the event of an injury that **prevents a student from participating in BHA programming**, a refund may be considered under the following conditions:

- The non-refundable deposit is excluded from all injury-related refunds.
- The injury must result in a minimum of **six consecutive weeks of non-participation**.
- Written medical documentation from a physician must be provided, confirming the injury and the inability to participate.
- Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, **50% of each missed session program fees** may be retroactively refunded to the date of injury.

## 2.3 No Other Refunds

Refunds **will not be issued** for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Program dissatisfaction
- Scheduling conflicts or missed sessions
- Absences or non-attendance
- Changes in personal circumstances
- Student behaviour or disciplinary decisions
- Relocation or school transfer after December 1, 2026

All program fees remain payable in full under these circumstances.

## 2.4 Administrative Authority

All refund decisions are administered by Beaumont Hockey Academy in accordance with this policy. **This policy is final** and is applied consistently to all participants. Submission of registration and payment constitutes agreement with this refund policy.

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# 3.0 PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/guardians play an essential role in supporting their child's successful participation in the Beaumont Hockey Academy. By registering a student in BHA, parents/guardians acknowledge and agree to the responsibilities outlined below.

## 3.1 Transportation and Preparedness

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that students arrive at school on time and are prepared with the appropriate clothing, equipment, and supplies required to meet both

academic and athletic expectations. Students must attend school in order to participate in BHA programming on a given day.

## **3.2 Equipment**

### **3.2.1 Equipment Storage and Handling**

Hockey equipment and sticks must be dropped off before school in designated storage areas identified by each school. With completion of the required online permission form, parents/guardians may access a locked equipment storage shed outside of school hours. Students are responsible for retrieving and storing their equipment as required during the school day.

The school will manage access to the storage shed at designated times within the school day. Parents/guardians are responsible for costs associated with lost or damaged shed keys.

### **3.2.2 Equipment Requirements**

Students must wear full hockey equipment as required by **Hockey Alberta** and applicable **Physical Education safety guidelines**. The use of a CSA-approved helmet and neck guard is mandatory for all sessions, without exception.

### **3.2.3 Lost or Stolen Equipment**

Beaumont Hockey Academy and Black Gold School Division are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal property brought to school or program facilities.

## **3.3 Transportation Between Facilities**

Transportation between school sites and local facilities will be arranged by the school as required. Parents/guardians remain responsible for student transportation to and from school. School buses do not permit hockey equipment on regular routes.

## **3.4 Parent Viewing and Conduct**

Parents/guardians are welcome to attend both sessions & designated special events and are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and supportive manner. Regular BHA sessions are considered instructional time and an extension of the classroom.

Parents/guardians are reminded to:

- Refrain from coaching from the stands
- Allow instructors and staff to lead instruction
- Model respectful behaviour at all times

Inappropriate spectator behaviour may result in restricted viewing privileges or further action as determined by school administration, in accordance with BGSD expectations.

Video recording, filming, or live streaming of BHA sessions is strictly prohibited to protect student privacy. LiveBarn will be disabled during BHA programming times.

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## **4.0 BHA AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **4.1 Supervision and Staffing**

All BHA staff and school supervisors are required to meet **Black Gold School Division** standards, including completion of Vulnerable Sector Checks and Child Welfare Intervention Checks, as applicable.

Students are supervised at all times during BHA programming by school staff. External instructors are responsible for skill instruction on the ice and operate under the direction and expectations of the school.

### **4.2 Dressing Room Expectations**

Dressing rooms are considered supervised school spaces. Access is limited to students and authorized staff only. Parents/guardians are not permitted in dressing rooms. Where facilities allow, students will change in gender-designated spaces in accordance with BGSD policy.

School staff monitor dressing room areas to support student safety and well-being.

### **4.3 Injuries and Return-to-Participation**

While all reasonable precautions are taken to reduce risk, injuries may occur. Parents/guardians and students must notify BHA staff of any injury that affects participation.

Students who are seriously injured will not be permitted to participate in BHA programming until written medical clearance is provided by a physician. Modified participation, if appropriate, will be determined by school staff in consultation with the instructor team.

### **4.4 Non-Participation**

Students who are not participating in a session due to illness or short-term injury are still expected to attend the session at their scheduled time based on the following criteria:

- Grade 4: Remain at school with regular class or attend the BHA session as a spectator by bringing schoolwork to the rink for completion.
- Grades 5-9: Attend BHA session as a spectator by bringing a quiet task or schoolwork to the rink for completion.

## 4.5 Off-Campus Activities

BHA programming regularly occurs at off-campus facilities within the City of Beaumont and is covered by the annual consent form. Additional field trip permission may be required for activities outside normal programming parameters, outside the city, or outside regular school hours.

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## 5.0 ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, AND CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS

Participation in the Beaumont Hockey Academy is a privilege. Students are expected to meet high standards of academic engagement, behaviour, and personal responsibility.

### 5.1 Student Expectations

BHA students are expected to:

- Maintain good academic standing
- Demonstrate respectful behaviour in all settings
- Follow school rules and staff direction
- Act as positive representatives of their school and program

All BHA environments including: arenas, buses, dressing rooms, and community facilities, are considered extensions of the school day. Students are subject to **Black Gold School Division codes of conduct** at all times during BHA programming.

Behaviour concerns will be addressed by BHA staff and/or school administration and may result in restricted participation or removal from BHA programming. Disciplinary decisions may occur independently of program fees and do not entitle families to refunds.

### 5.2 Electronic Device Use

Personal electronic devices, including cell phones and cameras, are prohibited in all BHA dressing rooms and during BHA programming. This policy aligns with **BGSD Administrative Procedure AP-144 (Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools)**.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including suspension from BHA activities, as determined by school administration.



## 5.3 Assessment and Feedback

Teacher supervisors will provide written comments on student participation, effort, attitude, and behaviour on report cards. Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with school staff regarding their child's progress through established school communication channels.

Feedback or skill related questions can be directed to Serdachny Power Skating and Hockey by contacting the BHA Coordinator.

## Respect & Safety Statement

The Beaumont Hockey Academy is committed to providing a learning environment that is safe, respectful, and inclusive for all students.

BHA promotes values consistent with Hockey Canada's principles of respect, teamwork, and fair play. All participants are expected to:

- Treat others with dignity and respect
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, hazing, or discriminatory behaviour
- Contribute to a positive and supportive environment

Concerns related to safety or conduct should be reported to school administration. All concerns will be addressed in accordance with **Black Gold School Division policies and procedures**.

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## 6.0 PRIVACY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

### 6.1 Privacy and Information Protection

The Beaumont Hockey Academy manages personal information in accordance with the **Protection of Privacy Act (POPA)** and other applicable legislation, as well as **Black Gold School Division (BGSD)** policies and procedures.

Personal information collected through registration and participation in BHA is used solely for the purposes of program delivery, student safety, supervision, communication, and educational programming.

### 6.2 Collection and Use of Personal Information

As part of the BHA registration process, parents/guardians provide consent for the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information necessary for program operation. This consent is an extension of the **BGSD Notice of Activities and Consent Form** completed during school registration.

Personal information may be used for purposes including, but not limited to:

- Program administration and communication
- Student supervision and safety
- Instructional planning and progress reporting
- Emergency and medical response
- Program promotion through school-approved communication channels, where consent has been provided

Only information required to fulfill these purposes is collected.

### **6.3 Media and Communications**

With appropriate consent, photographs, video images, or program information may be shared on **school-related websites, newsletters, and social media platforms** to highlight the Beaumont Hockey Academy.

No personal identifying information will be shared beyond what is authorized through consent forms and BGSD policy.

### **6.4 Access, Questions, and Concerns**

Parents/guardians have the right to request access to their child's personal information or to raise concerns regarding privacy practices in accordance with POPA.

The BHA Privacy Officer is responsible for responding to privacy-related inquiries, concerns, or requests.

**Privacy Officer:**

Caitlin Pedersen  
Administrator / Coordinator, Beaumont Hockey Academy  
Phone: 780-929-5904  
Email: caitlin.pedersen@blackgold.ca

Requests will be addressed in accordance with BGSD procedures and applicable legislation.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### **Q1. What academic and behaviour standards are required to participate in BHA?**

**A.** Participation in the Beaumont Hockey Academy is a privilege. Student-athletes must be in good academic standing and demonstrate appropriate behaviour at all times. Behaviour and academic concerns are addressed by school administration in accordance with **Black Gold School Division policies**. Students who are not meeting these expectations may have their participation restricted or suspended.

### **Q2. Does participation this year guarantee a spot next year?**

**A.** No. Returning BHA students who are in good standing are provided priority access to registration during a defined registration window. Once this window closes, placement is not guaranteed and is subject to space availability.

### **Q3. Can hockey equipment be stored at the school?**

**A.** Yes. Designated storage areas and locked equipment sheds are available at each school site. Shed access outside of school hours requires completion of the appropriate permission form. Replacement fees apply for lost or damaged shed keys.

### **Q4. How does BHA participation impact regular classroom learning?**

**A.** Schools make every effort to minimize the impact on core instructional subjects such as Language Arts and Mathematics. Participation may limit access to some non-core subjects such as Music, Art, P.E., or Option courses. Students are responsible for completing missed academic work when necessary.

### **Q5. Can students living outside the school attendance boundaries register for BHA?**

**A.** Students residing within Beaumont attendance boundaries are prioritized. Students outside attendance boundaries require administrative approval and must follow the **School of Choice** process. Placement is not guaranteed.

### **Q6. Are siblings of current BHA students automatically eligible to attend the school?**

**A.** No. The appropriate registration inquiry process must be followed. Students outside attendance boundaries must follow the School of Choice process. Please contact the school office for further information.

### **Q7. How are students grouped within the program?**

**A.** Student groupings are determined based on enrollment numbers, player ability, grade level, classroom placement, and supervision considerations. Grouping decisions are made by BHA staff in consultation with school administration.

**Q8. Are fees refunded if a student withdraws or is removed from the program?**

**A.** Refunds are governed by the BHA Refund Policy outlined in Section 2 Deposits & Refunds. Participation restrictions or removal due to behaviour, attendance, or academic concerns do not result in fee refunds.

## **Beaumont Hockey Academy – Instructor Profiles**

Serdachny Hockey Offers Advanced Power Skating and Hockey programs around the world. As our Beaumont Hockey Academy Service Provider, the program focuses upon skating and elite hockey skill development. The program teaches and emphasizes proper technique, form, speed and skill as they apply to the game of hockey. Sessions provide and implement a positive and productive learning environment for the students to gain maximum benefits.

### **Steve Serdachny - NHL Skating & Skills Coach**



Steve is a world renowned Professional Power Skating & Skills Coach and Elite Hockey Consultant. He has worked as the Skating and Skills coach for the Edmonton Oilers (NHL). He has taught Power Skating and Hockey to players across Canada, the United States and Europe. He is a nationally certified coach and power skating instructor with over 37 years of instructional expertise around the world. He has coached and taught thousands of players from all levels around the world including players and professional teams from Sweden, Finland, Russia, the United States, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada.

He has worked and taught worldwide at many levels which include the NHL, American Hockey League, East Coast Hockey League, Pro European Elite League, European Division 1 and 2, National teams and players from 14 nations worldwide, Major Junior A, Junior B, NCAA College Division 1 to Tom Thumb level players. His innovative programs and teaching techniques are unique and successful for all levels. Steve is internationally renowned and has had two television shows featuring his instructional methods and expertise. HOCKEY ACADEMY with Hockey Canada on the NHL network and TSN. Also HOCKEY UNLIMITED on Sportsnet. Steve is considered to be one of the foremost experts in power skating and hockey development. His knowledge, and everyday commitment to excellence has helped players aged 7 to professionals achieve maximum performance on the ice.

### **Christian Bolding - General Manager / Head Instructor with Serdachny Power Skating and Hockey programs with over 20 years of instructional experience.**



Christian has trained elite players full time internationally for over 10 years through Serdachny Power Skating and Hockey. Christian played 5 years of Junior Hockey including Junior A for the Camrose Kodiaks, Sherwood Park Crusaders and Major Junior for the Portland Winterhawks. Christian finished his playing career at McGill University for the Redmen while obtaining his Bachelor of Commerce Degree, majoring in Finance and International Business. Christian engages players of all ages to push themselves beyond their comfort zones and strive for every day growth during their life long hockey journey

## **Other Instructors**

Serdachny Power Skating & Hockey employs dozens of world-class instructors, each with diverse experience in coaching and level of play.

- Dan Serdachny
- Nicholas Mudyryk
- Tarik Moussa
- Brooke Serdachny

## **Ian Gordon**



With 18 years of professional goaltending experience in both North America and Europe, Ian Gordon has seen the constant changes in goaltending throughout his long career both in the crease and as a coach. Ian has experienced NHL, AHL and WHL training camps and understands the pressure every goalie feels on a game to game basis.

Coaching/Instruction Experience - Ian is currently the goalie coach of the Red Deer rebels) with time spent in the Hockey Canada system as the goalie coach of the Team Canada U17 program. The highlight of his coaching career came as a member of the coaching staff of the 2017 WHL champion Seattle Thunderbirds who participated in the Memorial Cup as Western league champions.

Ian has had a large variety of goalie coaches over his career and would like to acknowledge their influence in his coaching style. He worked with Billy Smith and Warren Strelow in Junior and Jim Corsi and Corrado Micallef in Europe to develop his goaltending style that lasted nearly two decades in professional hockey.

In addition to his experience from his playing career, Ian attends goaltending camps and works with NHL goaltending coaches to continue to expand his knowledge as the position of goaltending continues to progress.

**Further Information on the BHA instruction team can be found at:**

**[www.elitepowerskating.com](http://www.elitepowerskating.com) and [www.iangordongoaltending.com](http://www.iangordongoaltending.com)**

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## **Black Gold School Division Program Positions**

**Caitlin Pedersen:** Administrator/Coordinator of the BHA program and Assistant Principal at École Horizon Heights School. *Subject to change.*

**Chris Mistol:** Current Teacher supervisor assigned to Group 3 of BHA students at École J.E. Lapointe School. *Subject to change.*

**Ryan Townsend:** Current Teacher supervisor assigned to Groups 1 and 2 of BHA students at École Horizon Heights School/École JE Lapointe School. *Subject to change.*