



Hockey Canada Player Development Questionnaire



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Following are the responses given by CHL team personnel when asked the questions below as part of a questionnaire.

Given your experiences in watching and assessing developing hockey players which specific skill related deficiencies do bantam and midget players most exhibit?

Passing skills, Puck skills, Skating and Hockey Sense – 17 TEAMS STATED THESE 4 AREAS

Hockey Sense - They're too structured. Play too much like robots. Too much emphasis put on systems and winning and not enough on skills and creativity and learning about details that happen through out the game. I know everybody wants to win, but minor hockey needs to put more into developing players' skill level and creativity.

The variance in minor hockey associations has created deficiencies. With all the hoops and parental nonsense minor hockey coaches face, a lot of the stronger ones have quit.

Soft/poor passing; handling puck in traffic or under pressure; defensive awareness.

Puck skills - 1-1, receiving pucks, protection, passing, shooting while skating.

Puck skills: 1. passing, 2. shooting, 3. stick handling, 4. think at full speed.

Passing - giving and receiving, positional play.

Some deficiencies Bantam and Midget age players most exhibit is the ability to bring their top level on a nightly basis. Also, the understanding of exactly how hard it is to move from Bantam to Midget to Junior in regards to how hard they have to work.

There is an evident lack of creativity and offensive instincts. Kids don't seem to have natural offensive instincts and it is getting more difficult to find a kid that stands out of the crowd with creativity and instincts. They lack "flair". A lot of players don't defend real well, especially without the puck.

Overall skating (agility, quickness), puck handling, passing.