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Branksome Bears Hockey



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Bears Hockey Program

At Branksome Hall Asia, we believe in developing leaders, teammates, and lifelong learners.

Our Hockey Program combines elite skill development with a focus on academic balance, leadership, and teamwork, preparing student-athletes for success both on and off the ice.

We inspire our student-athletes to push their limits, pursue excellence, and embody the values of teamwork, resilience, and respect.



Program Overview

Phase	Focus	Duration
Term 1 (Fall)	Individual skill development, power skating, conditioning	8 weeks
Term 2 (Winter)	Tournaments/league play, game play and team strategy, individual skill development, power skating	12-16 weeks
Term 3 (Spring)	Skill refinement, individual skill development, game play, and team strategy, conditioning	8 weeks

Programs Offered

- **U9 Cross-Ice Program** – Introduction to hockey fundamentals through small-area play and games.
- **U9 Team Practices** – Early development of skating, puck control, and positioning.
- **U12 Team Practices** – Expanding tactical understanding and full-ice gameplay.
- **U15/U19 Team Practices** – Competitive training focused on systems, speed, and leadership.
- **Development Ice Times (All Ages)** – Open sessions for all players emphasizing technique and fundamentals.
- **Power Skating** – Specialized sessions targeting edge control, acceleration, and stride efficiency.
- **Hockey-Specific Middle School PHE Course** – IB-aligned physical education course for hockey-focused students.
- **Pond Hockey (G6+)** – Recreational program encouraging creativity and love for the game.

Weekly Schedule

Players typically train **3–7 times per week** based on age and commitment level, balancing skill work, team practice, and recovery.

- **Morning:** Power Skating & Skills Sessions
- **Afternoon:** Team Practices / Development Ice Times

Current Example Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00-7:45am (Tues / Thurs)		U9/ U12/ U15/ U19 Power Skating	U9/ U12/ U15/ U19 Power Skating (7:00-8:30am)	U9/ U12/ U15/ U19 Power Skating	
3:30-4:30pm	U9/ U12/ U15/ U19	U9 Cross-Ice Program		U9 Cross-Ice Program	U9/ U12/ U15/ U19
4:30-5:30pm	U12/ U15/ U19	U12/ U15/ U19		U12/ U15/ U19	U12/ U15/ U19

Program Highlights



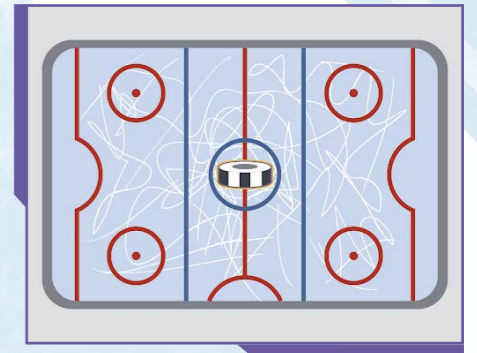
Expert Coaching:

Led by internationally experienced coaches who have played and trained at professional levels in both North America and Asia. Every session emphasizes technique correction, strategic thinking, and individual mentorship to bring out the best in each athlete.



Elite Skill Development:

Athletes refine essential on-ice skills, from explosive starts and edge control to advanced puck protection, situational passing, and tactical shooting drills, all designed to create complete, confident players.



Tactical Learning:

Players learn to read the ice, anticipate plays, and execute with confidence. Game-based drills focus on transitions, forechecking systems, and special teams strategy to elevate game IQ.



Character & Leadership:

Through our annual **Bears Hockey Training Camp**, student-athletes engage in leadership development, resilience training, and team-building exercises that emphasize communication, accountability, and respect.



Academic Balance:

A flexible, student-centered schedule allows players to meet the high expectations of both their academic and athletic pursuits. Coaches and teachers collaborate to ensure each athlete maintains balance and well-being.



Global Experience:

Our athletes proudly represent Branksome Hall Asia and their club teams in tournaments across Korea, Japan, and North America, gaining exposure to different styles of play and international competition.

Bears Hockey Training Camp

- The Training Camp includes on-ice sessions, off-ice sessions, code of conduct sessions, and more. The goal of the Training Camp is to begin to build community and teamwork within our individual teams but also as an entire program. We will be less focused on hockey-specific skills but more on teamwork, collaboration, and coming closer together as teammates!

International and Domestic Tournaments

- Korean Winter Festival Ice Hockey Tournament
- Paradise Cup Thailand
- Foreign International School Hockey tournaments (3 each year)
- Branksome Hall Asia Citrus Cup (hosted by BHA)
- Summer Splash Hockey Tournament (hosted by BHA)
- Domestic Tournaments (Ulsan, Seoul, etc.)



Leadership and Coaching Pathways

- Older players can become "Student Coaches" and give back to the program through coaching our youngest athletes.
- Older players have the opportunity to help with tournaments that we host as volunteers.

Coaching Team



Coach Andrew Doyle

– Director of Hockey & U9 Head Coach

A dynamic and passionate coach, Andrew Doyle brings over **20 years of playing experience** and a player-centered philosophy that balances discipline with encouragement.

He has played at multiple levels of North American hockey, including the **OJHL (Stouffville Spirit), USports (University of Toronto, York University), and SPHL (Fayetteville Marksmen).**



Coach Youngjun Lee

– U12/U15 Head Coach, U9 Assistant Coach, Power Skating Coach

A veteran of **Korean professional hockey**, Coach Lee is known for his unmatched skating instruction and energetic leadership. As **Captain of Yonsei University**, he led his team with grit and grace before launching a 13-year professional career in the **Asia League**, where he was named **Rookie of the Year**.

Coach Lee represented Korea on the **U18, U20, and Senior National Teams**, competed in the **2018 PyeongChang Olympics**, and played in the **IIHF World Championship Top Division**.



Coach Youngil Choi

– U9 - U15 Assistant Coach & Power Skating Coach

Known for his detail-oriented approach, Coach Choi helps players refine their stride mechanics, balance, and efficiency on the ice. He was a member of the **U12,15,18,20 Youth National Team**. His leadership was on display when he was chosen as the **Hanyang Univ. Captain**. He also competed as a member of the **U23 Winter Universiade National Team**. Known for his detail-oriented approach, Coach Choi helps players refine their stride mechanics, balance, and efficiency on the ice.



Coach Dohee Han

– Goalie Coach

A pioneer in Korean women's hockey, Coach Han brings over 16 years of international experience as an elite goaltender. She represented the **Korean National Team (2005–2021)** and **Suwon City Hall Ice Hockey Team (2018–2021)**, appearing in **multiple IIHF Women's World Championships** and the **2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics**.

She was named **MVP and Best Goaltender** at the **2017 IIHF Women's World Championship** and now channels that excellence into mentoring young athletes.

Ice Sports Across Curriculum & Partnerships



Skating for All

At Branksome Hall Asia, students get on the ice regularly as part of their academic program. Students at all levels develop their individual skating skills and gain experience in ice sports. In particular, Middle and Senior School students explore a variety of ice sports including hockey, ringette, broomball and synchronized skating through IB inquiry based learning, fostering both confidence and curiosity.



Junior School Skating Program

Led by **two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Yunmi Kim**, this program gives younger students the chance to develop coordination, balance, and a lifelong love of movement through skating.



Partnerships & Pathways

Through collaboration with the **Killer Whales Hockey Club** and other organizations, our players gain extended opportunities for skill development, tournament play, and leadership roles.



Facilities

The Branksome Hall Asia Ice Rink and training complex provide student-athletes with everything they need to pursue excellence. Athletes train, study, and compete in one of the most advanced on-campus hockey facilities in Asia, a setting that mirrors professional standards while supporting the whole-child philosophy of the IB.

Facility Highlights

- **Olympic-Sized Indoor Ice Rink (on campus):** Access all school year for team practices, development sessions, and recreational skating on the weekends.
- **Modern Locker Rooms & Equipment Management:** Safe, organized spaces for all athletes.
- **Off-Ice Training Gym & Outdoor Field:** Dedicated areas for strength, agility, and conditioning workouts.
- **Academic & Athletic Integration:** Located adjacent to academic buildings and boarding facilities, enabling smooth transitions between class and training.