



FORT ERIE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Boys Hockey at FEIA

Elite Training.
Competitive Pathways.
Academic Balance.



A high-performance hockey program integrated into the school day, supporting dedicated, passionate, and competitive student-athletes both on and off the ice.

Program Overview

The FEIA Boys Hockey Program is designed for student-athletes seeking a structured and competitive hockey experience alongside strong academics.



Daily training is integrated into the school schedule, allowing players to develop their skills in a consistent high-performance environment while maintaining strong academic progress.

The program mirrors the structure and expectations of collegiate hockey programs, preparing student-athletes for advancement to junior, collegiate, and professional pathways.

FEIA Boys Hockey has helped develop more than **20 players** who have progressed to Junior A and higher levels, including advancement to the **NHL Draft, OHL, NCAA, OJHL, CCHL, NOJHL, and SIJHL.**

Program Streams

🏆 Elite Program (U18 and U17)

Designed for advanced student-athletes with competitive experience who are looking to train and compete at a high level.

- ✔ High-performance and Elite training environment
- ✔ Intensive on-ice skill, skating, and positional development
- ✔ Weekly video analysis and game review
- ✔ Competitive Leagues, Showcases, and Tournament Exposure
- ✔ Preparation for Junior Hockey Pathways

🏆 Development Program

A structured hockey development pathway for beginner to intermediate student-athletes building foundational skills and game understanding.

- ✔ Focus on skating, technical skills, and conditioning
- ✔ On-ice and off-ice training sessions
- ✔ Emphasis on hockey IQ and fundamentals
- ✔ Supportive environment for skill progression
- ✔ Pathway toward higher levels of competitive play

A Day in the Life

The structured daily schedule helps student-athletes balance elite athletic development with strong academic performance.



Morning:

4-5 90 min on-ice training sessions per week



Midday:

Academic classes with structured support



Afternoon:

Continued academics and recovery



After school:

Strength and conditioning, video analysis, or team sessions



Evening:

Study hall, team activities, and residence life



Weekly:

Team meetings, video sessions, off-ice skill development, and classroom sessions

Training and Development Philosophy

- 4-5 90 min on-ice training sessions per week
- Strong emphasis on skating, individual skill development, and positional play
- Focus on tactical awareness and hockey IQ development
- Integrated strength and conditioning program to support athletic performance
- Classroom sessions focused on mindset, preparation, and performance habits
- Commitment to long-term athlete development over short-term results

League & Competition

- Hockey Canada Approved School Program
- Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL)
- Ontario Prep Hockey League (OPHL)
- Tournament and Showcase Events



Coaching and Leadership

Derek Bachynski

Director of Boys Hockey & Player Development



Derek Bachynski joined FEIA in 2023 and leads the continued development of the Boys Hockey Program. He oversees the program's structure, standards, and long-term vision while supporting the advancement of student-athletes to higher levels of hockey.

A former NCAA Division I player at Wayne State University, Derek also played professionally in Europe before transitioning into coaching. He began his coaching career with the Ohio University Bobcats, where he helped lead the program to an ACHA Conference Championship, before moving on to the Powell River Kings (BCHL).

Exposure and Advancement

FEIA supports student-athletes in preparing for next-level opportunities.

- ✔ 50-60 competitive game schedule
- ✔ Tournaments and showcase events attended by junior and collegiate scouts
- ✔ Ongoing mentorship from coaching staff and program leadership, including monthly progress reports to support long-term player development



Recognition and Highlights

The FEIA Boys Hockey Program has demonstrated strong advancement success.

- ✔ Player advancement opportunities and affiliated player call-ups to junior hockey
- ✔ Individual and team achievements recognized on the website and social media platforms
- ✔ Personalized exposure packages designed to highlight each player's abilities for scouts



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