



FORT ERIE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Girls Hockey at FEIA

Elite Training. Competitive Pathways. Academic Balance.

A high-performance hockey experience designed to develop skilled, confident student-athletes—on the ice, in the classroom, and beyond.

Program Overview

The FEIA Girls Hockey Program is designed for student-athletes committed to developing their skills in a structured, high-performance environment while maintaining strong academic progress.

Training is integrated into the school day and supported by experienced coaching, a clear development pathway, and a team culture that emphasizes accountability, confidence, and long-term growth.

The program competes at a high level of female hockey in Ontario as a **Hockey Canada Approved School Program** and participates in the **OWHA U22AA Elite Category** and the **National Girls Hockey League (NGHL)**, providing student-athletes with meaningful competitive opportunities and exposure.



Program Streams



Elite Program

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

- ✓ High-performance training environment
- ✓ Intensive on-ice skill development
- ✓ Weekly video analysis and game review
- ✓ Competitive games and tournament exposure
- ✓ Preparation for junior, college, and university pathways



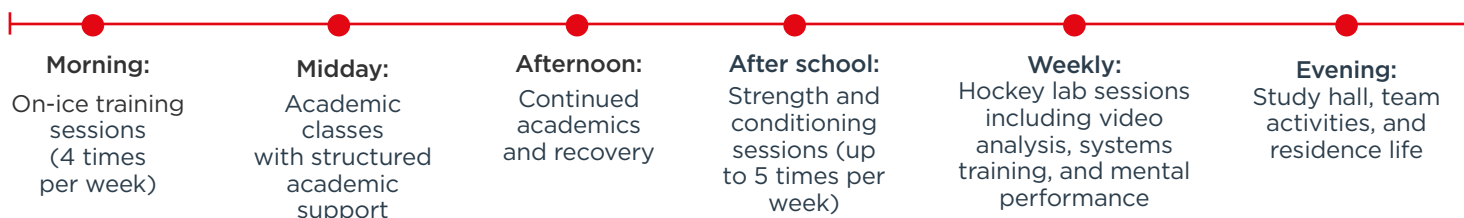
Development Program

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.

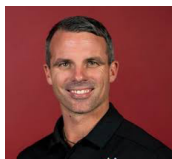


Training and Development Philosophy

- Strong focus on skating, puck skills, and game fundamentals
- Development of hockey IQ and decision-making
- Strength and conditioning tailored to athlete performance
- Emphasis on accountability, work ethic, and resilience
- Academic expectations integrated with athletic development
- Focus on long-term athlete development over short-term outcomes



Coaching and Leadership



Derek Bachynski **Director of Hockey & Player Development**

Former NCAA Division I player at Wayne State University and professional player in Europe. Began his coaching career with the Ohio University Bobcats (ACHA Conference Championship) and the Powell River Kings (BCHL). Joined FEIA in 2023 and played a key role in the growth and expansion of the Hockey Program.



Pete Montana **Head Coach**

Pete Montana joined FEIA at the program's inception in 2022. Bringing more than 40 years of experience in hockey as a coach, scout, and player development leader. A Hockey Canada HP1 certified coach, Pete has worked with elite programs including U16AAA, U18AAA, and junior hockey, as well as organizations such as the Calgary Flames and Hockey Canada. He also supports recruiting and university placement, helping student-athletes navigate pathways to the next level.



Sophie Matsoukas **Assistant Coach**

Four-year starter as a goaltender with the NCAA Division I Union College Garnet Chargers, where she set program records for most career saves (3,066), most career wins, and single-season wins, while also tying the record for career shutouts. A three-time ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team honoree and three-time recipient of the George Morrison Most Valuable Player Award, Sophie served as Assistant Captain in her final season. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Data Analytics and is currently pursuing her Master's in Data Analytics.



Exposure and Advancement

FEIA supports student-athletes in exploring post-secondary pathways through structured guidance and competitive opportunities.

- ✓ Approximately **55 games per season**
- ✓ Participation in **9 elite showcases across Canada and the United States**
- ✓ Cross-border exhibition competition
- ✓ University campus visits and recruitment exposure
- ✓ Guidance navigating NCAA, U SPORTS, and other collegiate pathways



Recognition and Highlights

The FEIA Falcons Girls Hockey Program has demonstrated strong advancement success.

- ✓ **100% university placement rate for graduating seniors**
- ✓ Players advancing to U SPORTS, NCAA, and ACHA programs
- ✓ Participation in major showcase events across North America
- ✓ Qualification for the **NGHL National Championship**
- ✓ Strong program growth and competitive results



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