

Dear Association Director:

REMOTE FITTING FOR SKATES, SHINNY, AND HOCKEY

Sport Central is a volunteer-operated non-profit organization and registered charity (see www.sportcentral.org). We provide used, recycled sports equipment at no charge to **individual children** (under 18) “referred” for equipment through social and pastoral agencies, and through schools and community organizations. Last year, through this process, our volunteers helped 8,000 Edmonton and area kids to obtain sport and recreation equipment they could not otherwise have afforded.

We also try to help kids in need elsewhere in the province and beyond. Our best effort, and best equipment, is directed towards obtaining a good, personalized fit for each **individual** child, so that he or she can have a positive, safe, enjoyable skating experience whenever opportunity permits.

The best and safest fit for skates, helmets, and hockey equipment is obtained by phoning for an appointment time to bring the child in to Sport Central to be outfitted in person. Often, this is not possible for children residing beyond the range of a day trip to Edmonton. This memo describes the next best alternative for obtaining a good fit on equipment, when the child is absent.

1. **Skates:** Using a heavy black pen or felt marker, trace around the child’s stocking foot (just one, but trace the largest foot if there’s a difference) on a sheet of paper. Alternatively, if you know the size, brand, and model of a friend’s skate that fits the child well, we can use that information instead of the foot tracing. See the foot tracing example.
2. **Helmet:** Measure the child’s head circumference, just above the eyebrows, behind the top of the ears, and over the large “bump” at the back of the skull. This will give a number between 50 and 60 cm, for helmet sizing.
3. **Stick:** Advise whether the child prefers to shoot with their “left” or “right” hand on the lower shaft position of the stick. A straight, junior stick will be supplied if “no preference” is indicated.
4. **Hockey Equipment:** Advise the child’s height, weight, and waist size. Measure the distances from knee joint to ankle bone, and from the tip of the nose to the point of the chin. Note that confirmation of the child’s current season registration with a Hockey Alberta or equivalent sanctioned team or program must be included with requests for full hockey equipment. This can be a copy of the child’s “paid” registration form, or copy of a receipt from the team or club he/she is registered with.
5. **Goalie Equipment:** In addition to the above, measure the distance (wingspan) from wrist to wrist, with arms fully outstretched.

Write all of the above information, together with the child's full name and date of birth, on the same sheet of paper as the foot tracing. Fax, email, courier, or mail the cover letter from your association, plus the foot tracing sheets, to the address given below. Once the requested equipment has been assembled, we'll give you a call to arrange pickup or shipping.

Do not lose or give away outgrown equipment! The child is only eligible for one set of equipment from Sport Central, but can exchange to facilitate growth, via subsequent referrals.

Please note that Sport Central offers equipment on a "best effort" basis. We are not able to guarantee availability at all times, and we are not able to warrant performance. The equipment is supplied "as is" and although Sport Central takes reasonable care, Sport Central and its members and volunteers cannot be held responsible for the performance, safety or any damages caused through the use of these items.

Thanks for your interest, time, and effort to help "Assist 'THE KID' in Sport". If you have any questions, please give us a call at 780-477-1166.