

What is Hockey Ministries International?

Since 1977, HMI has been active in every area of hockey including youth, college and junior, European, Minor Pro, and the NHL. Through our camps, chapels, clinics, and conferences, we serve the spiritual needs of players, coaches, families and fans. It is our hope to serve your players, coaches and families with excellence, while helping grow not only strong hockey players, but also young men and women of strong character in Christ. Last season HMI served over 250 hockey teams in over 30 leagues across North America.

What is a Chaplain?

An HMI hockey chaplain is in place to serve your team as a safe spiritual and emotional resource person for players, coaches and families, regardless of their personal church or non-church perspective.

What is a Chapel?

A chapel usually takes place at the arena, but outside the locker room, and is casual, informal, and usually about 15 minutes in length. **Chapels are always optional.** The chaplain will share something from the Bible relevant to the life of an athlete (i.e. how to deal with adversity, how to deal with anxiety, discipline, teamwork, motivation, courage, excellence and other life issues, etc.) and will conclude with a brief prayer.

I would again like to stress that this is a strictly voluntary resource to be utilized at your team's convenience. Our desire is to make this *available to everyone, but force it on no one.* We hope to make the Chapel Program available to your team and look forward to serving your players, coaches, and families. Please feel free to contact us with questions or for more information.

Sincerely,

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What others are saying about the HMI Chapel Program:

“The Dallas Stars began their partnership with HMI two seasons ago and we feel very fortunate to continue that relationship with them. They are promoting values that we encourage in our players such as trust, accountability, work ethic, leadership, and facing your challenges head-on. Over the past two years, our organization, including our players, have enjoyed HMI and will continue to endorse their ministry.”

Joe Nieuwendyk, General Manager of the Dallas Stars

“I believe the free services HMI has provided to ECHL member teams has been extremely beneficial to those clubs who have participated. Many of our coaches and players face various individual and collective challenges during the hockey season. We have found that the HMI Chapel Program provides many benefits, including the immediate access to chaplains that provide a wide range of emotional and spiritual support to players, coaches and their families.”

Brian McKenna, Commissioner of the ECHL

“The Chapel Program by Hockey Ministries International is a valuable program for our coaches and players. HMI provides an unobtrusive faith based program that supports players in many ways throughout the season. The Chapel Program opens a window that gives perspective to the pressures of professional sports. I fully recommend the HMI Chapel Program and the staff and volunteer chaplains that make it a workable success.”

Glen Gulutzan, Head Coach of the Dallas Stars

"Having HMI in my life has helped me grow stronger in my faith, along with developing many life- long relationships. Christianity isn't something that is usually associated with hockey so being able to spread the word of God through hockey is a huge joy in my life."

Ben Hughes, Minot Minotauros Captain

“The Central Hockey League has been known as a ‘developmental league’. Yes, it is a developmental league to help hockey players move up the pro hockey ladder, but it’s also a league to develop young men for the rest of their lives. The HMI Chapel Program provides an opportunity for these young men to develop their spiritual life, in a profession where this aspect is not always emphasized.”

Glenn Hart, Owner/Chairman of the CHL Laredo Bucks

“Hockey Ministries International has been a blessing in my life both on and off the ice. I was looking for help with my faith and HMI did just that. I was introduced to HMI two years ago and from my experience I would recommend every team to have a Chaplain available. I would like to thank them for everything they are doing for me.”

Stephane Robidas, Dallas Stars' Defenseman