



### **Skate or play hockey 12 months a year**

European players do NOT skate or play hockey 12 months a year.

European players spend off-season playing other sports, and training off ice to PREPARE for the hockey season (which means that there is an off season).

The rinks are NOT open in Stockholm, Sweden (Olympic Gold Medal) in April, May and June.

The rinks are NOT open in Helsinki, Finland (Olympic Silver Medal) in April, May and June.

The rinks are NOT open in Prague, Czech Rep,(Olympic Bronze Medal ) in April, May and June.

The rinks are NOT open in Moscow, Russia (Olympic 4th place) in April, May and June.

You can copy these countries, which also include - Slovakia (beat US), Latvia (tied US), Kazakhstan, Switzerland, Germany - or you can GUESS at how to maximize your potential.

While a 10 or 12 year old in the US is skating in a summer exposure tournament, his European counterpart is either A) taking time off B) playing another sport C) Training in a hockey off ice program

There is not one US born player under the age of 26 in the top 100 in scoring in the NHL. There are 13 Europeans under the age of 26 in the top 100 in scoring in the NHL.

There are 42 Europeans in top 100 in scoring in the NHL.

There are 9 Americans in top 100 in scoring in the NHL.

By comparison:

Sweden - 9 in top 100 in scoring in the NHL/ population - 9 million

Finland - 5 in top 100 in scoring in the NHL/ population - 5 million

Czech Republic - 10 in top 100 in scoring in the NHL/population - 10 million

Slovakia - 7 in top 100 in scoring in the NHL/population - 5 million

Statistically there is 1 player per million of population in top 100 in NHL in scoring of these small countries.

Compare that with US population. Even if non - hockey playing states are taken out, add New England, New York, Michigan and Minnesota alone and there are more than 100 million people.

Statistically that would be 1 top 100 scorers per 10 million people.

So these small countries produce 10 times more top 100 scorers in the NHL than US.

So you either copy how the Europeans TRAIN & PREPARE or you can copy those guessing at how to excel.

**The choice is yours!**