
Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Program – 2018 Summer Update

August 21, 2018

Please recognize the following program adjustments and updates for the 2018-19 season:

TIMBITS PROGRAM FEES:

- Hockey Edmonton Districts and Operating Area's (DOA's) **MUST** utilize the following fee guidelines as MINIMUM program fees (DOA's are not permitted to offer programming fees less than the ones outlined):
 - **Discovery:** \$165;
 - **Junior TIMBITS:** \$ 165;
 - **Senior TIMBITS:** \$ 250.

TIMBITS PROGRAM OPERATIONS:

- All Hockey Edmonton DOA's **MUST utilize blue pucks** for Skill Development Sessions and Cross-Ice Hockey Game Sessions;
 - **Please note:** *Hockey Edmonton will be providing DOA's with appropriate amounts of blue pucks. DOA's will be provided with these pucks before the start of the 2018-19 season;*
- Special orders for lost/damage TIMBITS jerseys should have been completed in July 2018. TIMBITS Sock orders should have also been completed in July 2018;
 - Jerseys and Socks will be delivered to your respective DOA;
- **Please note:** Should Tim Hortons provide player cards, they will be delivered to DOA's and should be distributed immediately, as they contain sales specials for families to take advantage of;
- All medals and Crosby items will be sent to Hockey Edmonton to be distributed at the Winter Jamboree.

TIMBITS INSTRUCTOR EDUCATION:

- Associations should make note of the following NCCP Coach education components for TIMBITS level instructors:
 - Hockey Canada – Coach 1 (**One TIMBITS Instructor per 10 Players**);
 - Hockey Canada – Safety (**One TIMBITS Instructor per 10 Players**);
 - Respect in Sport (**all TIMBITS Instructors**);
 - *Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Instructor Meetings (all TIMBITS Lead Instructors).*
- Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Instructor Meetings have been posted on the Hockey Edmonton website. Registration will commence on September 1, 2018. Meeting will be 2-hours in length and are mandatory for all Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Program Lead Instructors. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.

TIMBITS PROGRAM RESOURCES:

- All TIMBITS Program webpages have been updated on the Hockey Edmonton website;
- The Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Implementation Guide Operations Manual will be made available on September 1, 2018 in the "Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Program Resources" webpage [CLICK HERE](#).

TIMBITS PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Most Districts and Operating Areas should have received their 2018-19 TIMBITS Program schedules already. Please note the following:

- Consistent times and locations for TIMBITS ice-sessions were desired;
- MOST Skill Development Sessions (Discovery, Junior, Senior TIMBITS) will be scheduled at the pre-identified "practice facilities";
- ALL Cross-ice Hockey Game Sessions will be scheduled at one of the pre-identified "game/board facilities";
- TIMBITS Fall Festival: Saturday, December 15, 2018 [CLICK HERE](#);
- TIMBITS Winter Jamboree: March 16-17, 2019 [CLICK HERE](#).

TIMBITS PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

Associations **MUST offer registration for all THREE Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Program Levels (Discovery, Junior, Senior).**

Between June 1 and September 15: TIMBITS Athletes **MUST have registered in the age appropriate level:**

- **Discovery** – Learn to Skate (4-year old's – 2014 YOB);
- **Junior TIMBITS** (Initiation Minor) – Introduction of Hockey Skills (5-year old's – 2013 YOB);
- **Senior TIMBITS** (Initiation Major) – Development of Hockey Skills & Introduction to Cross-Ice Hockey (6-year old's – 2012 YOB).

Between September 15 and March 31:

- A 5-year-old TIMBITS athlete can be moved from Junior TIMBITS to Senior TIMBITS, if they meet Hockey Edmonton's Core Skills proficiency requirements. **If a 5-year-old athlete is proficient in Hockey Edmonton's Core Skills and is physically and mentally capable**, they may request assessment by their respective DOA Initiation Program Director and moved to Senior TIMBITS at the beginning of the season.

Please note other TIMBITS program regulations:

- 4-year old's **MUST only participate in the Discovery Program**;
- Athletes **MUST be 4 years old as of December 31** to register into in the Discovery Program;
- An athlete **MUST** participate in a lower TIMBITS Program Level if they are NOT proficient in Hockey Edmonton's Core Skills or if they are physically and mentally incapable of developing effectively within their own TIMBITS Program age level (Deceleration);
- **TIMBITS HCR "flexible rosters" will be unlocked for the season**, to facilitate athlete adjustment/movement throughout the 2018-19 season.

ATHLETE ACCELERATION & DECELERATION

- During the Spring of 2017, The Hockey Edmonton Board of Directors voted to NOT allow any underage/accelerated player applications from Initiation Program (TIMBITS) to Novice;
- During the Spring of 2018, The Hockey Edmonton Board of Directors voted to NOT allow any underage/accelerated player applications from the Novice Program to Atom;
- Deceleration is possible within any of the TIMBITS Program age levels;
- Deceleration is possible for 7-year-old Minor Novice athletes.