



Hockey Edmonton Timbits – 2018 Spring Update

Following a program review and feedback from Hockey Edmonton DOA's, adjustments to the Hockey Edmonton Timbits program have been made for the 2018-19 season. These adjustments were made to improve program quality, to enhance age-appropriate programming and skill progressions, and to align more closely with Hockey Canada/Alberta Initiation Program mandates:

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

FEES:

- Hockey Edmonton DOA's **MUST** utilize the following fee guide as **MINIMUM** program fees (DOA's are not permitted to offer programming fees less than the ones suggested):
 - **Discovery:** \$165;
 - **Junior Timbits:** \$ 165;
 - **Senior Timbits:** \$ 250.

OPERATIONS:

- All Hockey Edmonton Timbits programs **MUST utilize blue pucks** for Skill Development Sessions and Small Area Games Sessions.
- No program will be purchasing new jerseys for the 2018-19 season unless they are replacements for lost or damaged ones from the previous season. Sarah Kennedy will send out an email with further information concerning ordering in July 2018. Jerseys will be delivered to you.
- Socks will be for purchase again this year and order information will be included in the above email. Socks will be delivered to you.
- Please note that should Tim Hortons be providing player cards they will be delivered to you and they should be handed out right away as they contain sales specials for the kids and their families to take advantage of.
- All medals and Crosby items will be sent to Hockey Edmonton to be distributed at the Winter Jamboree.

COACH EDUCATION:

- Associations **should make note of the following Coach education components for TIMBITS level coaches:**
 - Hockey Canada – Coach 1
 - Hockey Canada – Safety
 - Respect in Sport
 - Hockey Edmonton TIMBITS Coach Clinic

Please note that Hockey Edmonton is waiting on guidance from Hockey Alberta regarding the coach education clinic to player ratio.



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 to Hockey Skills (5-year old's – 2013 YOB);
 - **Senior Timbits** (Initiation Major) – Introduction to Small Area Games (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 be assessed by their respective DOA Initiation Program Director and moved to Senior TIMBITS.

Please note program other 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).
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- **Timbits HCR "flexible rosters" will be unlocked for the season**, to facilitate athlete adjustment throughout the 2018-19 season.

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;
- Deceleration is possible within any of the TIMBITS Program age levels;
- Deceleration is possible for 7-year-old Minor Novice athletes.