



# What to expect....

## U6 Division

# Players per group  
25-28

Let the players **play**  
Let the coaches **coach**  
Let the officials **officiate**  
Let the spectators be **positive!**

## 2021-22 Season

### Skill Development Focus

Balance   Stops   Crossover Start   Puck Carry

### Coach Responsibility

Developing hockey skills is something we look for in all our coaches, but it is not what we value the most. We want every coach to focus on ensuring ALL players are in a safe environment where they ALL can learn to love hockey. It is expected ALL coaches will be part of ensuring every player is included.

### Parent Involvement

There will be lots of opportunities for parents to be more than chauffeurs to and from the rink. Coach, be the team manager, help with the tourney, take pics for the TBirds website, but most importantly, be a supportive parent and remember we want our players to love coming to the rink.

## Schedule Overview

### Assessments: Sept 18

All players will be on the ice for our Hockey Advisor to assign them into their initial skill groups. The goal is to have players of similar skill level be assigned to each group, and players may be further grouped within each group. This model allows each player to be challenged and continue developing their skills in each session. Movement between groups may occur mid-season by the Hockey Advisor to ensure all players continue to develop in an appropriate grouping.

### Regular ice times:

Each skill group will have two ice times per week, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Players will attend the sessions assigned to their skill group. The schedule for the two groups are expected to be:

#### Group 1:

Saturdays @ Kerrisdale from 12:00 - 1:00 pm AND  
Sundays @ Kits from 7:15 - 8:15 am

#### Group 2:

Saturdays @ Kerrisdale from 10:45 - 11:45 am AND  
Sundays @ Kits from 8:15 - 9:15 am

### On-ice Coaches:

From September to Christmas break, most if not all sessions will be led by a paid coach to help get the season off to a great start. Parent coaches (moms and dads, even uncles or grandparents) are invited to comprise the rest of the on-ice coaches. After Christmas, parent coaches will get an opportunity to lead some of the sessions.

First Session  
Sept 18

Skills Challenge  
Sept 19

Winter Break  
Dec 20-  
Jan 2

Family Day Tourney  
Feb 18-20

Last Session  
March 6

### Division Ambassadors

Niki Colley ([email](#))  
Cherie Mah ([email](#))

DAs will help pass along information and support team/skill group staff.

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