



What to expect....

U7 Division

in Skill Groups
28-32

Team Roster #
15-16

How will the season be structured?
1) Skill Groups: Players will be assigned to one of the two U7 skill groups. Many will be with the same players they were with in U6, however there may be some new friends to make as well. Players must attend the skill group session they are assigned to.

2) Teams: "Balanced" teams will be formed in late October with players from both skill groups on all teams. Cross-ice balancing games will start in late November against other TBird teams. During games, two cross ice scrimmages will take place where players on both teams are split so they are playing against similar skill players. Games are played against other associations after January 1 either at home or teams can arrange away games. Most teams will play between 4-8 league games plus 1-2 tournaments. All players will play goalie at least once this season.

First Session
Sept 18

Skills Challenge
Sept 19

Winter Break
Dec 20-
Jan 2

Family Day Tourney
Feb 18-20

Last Session
Mar 6

2021-22 Season

Skill Development Focus

Focus is primarily on individual skills (skating, passing, puck control) with an intro to team play and games.

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

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, work the clock, 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:

Start of season: all players will participate in two skill group sessions each week. Once teams are formed, ice times on Saturdays will remain as skill groups and Sunday times will move to teams as either practices or games.

Schedules are expected to be:

#1: Saturdays @ UBC from 12:30-1:30 pm OR 1:45-2:45 pm
#2: Sundays @ Kerrisdale from 7:15-8:15 am OR 8:30-9:30 am

On-ice Coaches:

Early in the season, paid skill leads will provide on-ice leadership with parent coaches supporting and gaining confidence to begin leading skill group sessions in Nov. Vancouver Hockey School will provide on-ice leadership ~every third skill group session. Team coaches will lead all team practices with support from the Coach Development lead, U7-U9 Teams.

Division Ambassadors

Diana Power ([email](#))

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

We are looking for one more DA for this division - if you are willing to help, email our Board Directors [Rhiannon](#) or [Cecilia](#).

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