



# What to expect....

## U6 Division

# Players per group  
**30**

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

## 2022-23 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**  
Our programs can't run without parent volunteers. On Ice Volunteers, Division Ambassadors, Skill Managers, Safety People, Tournament Volunteers are some that are needed. But most importantly, be a supportive parent and remember we want our players to love coming to the rink.

First Session  
Sept 18

Skills Challenge  
TBA

Winter Break  
Dec 20-  
Jan 2

Family Day Tourney  
Feb 17-20

Last Session  
March 5

**Schedule Overview**  
Parent Meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup> @7pm on Zoom  
Pathway Skate: Sept 18  
Players will enjoy being on the ice for the first time in a relaxed friendly environment.  
Assessments: Sept 19  
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 Sunday and one on Monday. Players will attend the sessions assigned to their skill group. The schedules for the two groups are expected to be:  
Thunder:  
Sunday @ Kits from 8:30 - 9:30 am AND Monday @ UBC A from 4:30 - 5:20 pm  
Lightning:  
Sunday @ Kits from 9:30 - 10:30 am AND Monday @ UBC A from 5:25 - 6:15 pm  
On-ice Coaches:  
From September to winter 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 volunteers. Please contact [awhite@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:awhite@vancouverbirds.ca) to volunteer on ice. After winter break, parent coaches will get an opportunity to lead some of the sessions.

**Division Ambassadors**  
Jessica Lee:  
[u6-jlee@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:u6-jlee@vancouverbirds.ca)  
Let us know if you can co-DA with Jessica!  
DAs will help pass along information and support team/skill group staff.

For more information, go to [www.vancouverbirds.ca](http://www.vancouverbirds.ca)

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