



Mini Thunder (Initiation Program) 2023-24 Hockey School Information

REGISTER on or before June 30, 2023 and SAVE \$100.00 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION!

We are 50% sold out.

Register NOW to avoid disappointment and being put on a wait list.

The below is subject to change based on registration numbers and volunteers for each age group.

**** New this season**** HALTON HILLS MINI THUNDER (Initiation Program) proudly announces that we have partnered with Rob Ricci Player Development to provide all player U5, U6 and U7 a Thunder Hockey School.

Program details:

U5/U6

The program is designed to introduce young players to the game of hockey and to develop a love of the game for years to come! The Mini Thunder Hockey School will focus mainly on skating at the beginning of the season, providing hockey fundamentals as the season progresses.

The U5/U6 Mini Thunder Hockey School is scheduled on Saturdays.

U5/U6 Mini Thunder - Beginner session

- Beginner – minimal skating experience, the player has some balance, can shuffle but not fully skate /or has no skating experience.

U5/U6 Mini Thunder - Intermediate/Advanced session

- Intermediate/Advanced – strong skating ability, the player can get up on their own and balance, is able to skate the width or length of the ice.

U6/U7

The program is designed to introduce both those new to hockey and those who have played hockey in the previous season, as well, to build confidence and develop a love of the game for years to come! The Mini Thunder U6/U7 Hockey School will focus on skating and fundamentals at the beginning of the season all progressing as the season moves forward.

The U6/U7 Mini Thunder Hockey School is scheduled on Saturdays.

U6/U7 Mini Thunder - Beginner session

- Beginner – New to Hockey with some skating experience, player can balance, and skate on their own.

U6/U7 Mini Thunder - Intermediate session

- Intermediate – players have good skating ability, and hockey fundamentals i.e., passing, shooting, puck control etc.

U6/U7 Mini Thunder – Advanced session

- Advanced – players that have above average ability and are ready for more of a challenge.

NOTE: If a player is advanced in their age group, pending assessment of the player, as well, both HHMH Operations and Parent agreeing - the player can move up to the next age group to align with their hockey abilities.



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Player Placement- Players will be assigned based on their level of skating. This will allow players the opportunity to be placed with more “alike skating levels”.

Hockey School Orientation Day - Sat/Sun Sept 9th and Sept 10th, players will be assessed to ensure they are in the correct hockey school session. An email will be sent to all players registered mid August as to what session they are to attend on orientation day. Please note: Orientation Day will be based on age and alphabetical order as we will be placing the players in the appropriate sessions to start for the hockey school.

*Times and rink will be advised on the haltonhillsminorhockey.com website mid to end of August 2023.

Hockey School Start date: **September 16th,** players may still be moved to a different time slot after this date.

Coaches/Volunteers:

Coaches and Volunteers are needed to run the IP program. If you are interested in volunteering or coaching a Mini Thunder Team, please email dirhockeyops@haltonhillsminorhockey.com

Volunteering as a coach, assistant coach, trainer or on ice helper is a great way to get involved in our community while helping young players learn the game of hockey. Halton Hills Minor Hockey reimburses for all online courses and police checks that are required to volunteer.

*Coaches and volunteers will be helping both at the hockey school on Saturdays and coaching their teams on Sundays.