

Welcome to the Jr. Thunder Novice Program for 2019-2020 Minor Novice (2012) / Novice (2011)

Modified ice info on Halton Hills Minor Hockey

https://www.haltonhillsmminorhockey.com/Pages/17188/Our_Programs/

Introduction to Novice Hockey Program

<https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/novice/parents/introduction>

Benefits of Half-Ice Hockey Games for Novice Players

<https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/novice/parents/benefits-half-ice>

Frequently Asked Questions about Novice Hockey

<https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/novice/faq#gameplay>

Here is a link to the Benefits of Half Ice hockey

<https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/novice/parents/benefits-half-ice>

Frequently Asked Questions (HHMH - Jr. Thunder Program):

Q. What division/age group does my child tryout for?

Answer:

Minor Novice – 2012 born /Novice – 2011 born

Q. Registration for the Minor Novice/Novice September Assessments or tryouts. Do we require a try out card to attend?

Answer:

For Minor Novice and Novice Assessments and tryouts, players do not require a try-out card. As an introduction to the modified ice - junior program, the assessments and try-outs will be complimentary. For insurance purposes, all players attending the September Tryouts/Assessments are required to pre-register for hockey at www.haltonhillsmminorhockey.com under registration tab for Hockey Canada. Players not pre-registered will unfortunately not be allowed on the ice for Tryouts/Assessments. **Questions regarding registration can be emailed to registrar@haltonhillsmminorhockey.com**

Q. When will the Tryouts/Assessments be held?

Answer:

Assessment and Tryouts will take place between September 3rd and 10th @ Mold Masters Sports Plex - Pad C. Please visit www.haltonhillsmminorhockey.com for tryout dates and times.

Q. What is the difference between Assessment and Try-outs?

Answer:

Assessments will be held for Minor Novice during the first three on ice skates and for Novice during the first two on ice skates focusing on core hockey skills. The assessments will provide the independent evaluators the ability to properly assess and rank players prior to the tryout to finalize the teams.

HHMH will be working with Marty Strength Hockey for all on ice assessments.

Q. What is the schedule for the Minor Novice and Novice Assessments and tryouts?

Answer:

Minor Novice

September 3rd 5:00-5:50 - Assessment (Marty Strength Hockey)

September 4th 6:00-6:50 - Assessment (Marty Strength Hockey)

September 5th 5:00-5:50 - Assessment (Marty Strength Hockey)

September 9th 6:00-6:50 – Tryout

September 10th 5:00-5:50 - Tryout

Novice

September 3rd 6:00-6:50- Assessment (Marty Strength Hockey)

September 4th 5:00-5:50- Assessment (Marty Strength Hockey)

September 6th 6:00-6:50 - Tryout

September 9th 5:00-5:50 - Tryout

September 10th 6:00-6:50 - Tryout

**Please note; Head Coaches have been interviewed and communicated to for both age groups, the team they will be selected for will be announced after the 3rd on ice session (Sept 7th). This will allow all players to be properly assessed by independent evaluators.

Q. How will the teams be divided for the Hockey Season?

Answer:

Minor Novice program will be divided into two balanced teams. Minor Novice Junior Thunder is a developmental program which prepares the players for representative hockey in upcoming years. Balancing the hockey teams allows all players at every skill level in minor hockey to benefit from the same development program, it allows for building the skills of house league and rep team players alike while increasing the emphasis on skating skills, including elements like agility, balance etc.

Novice will be tiered AA/A/or AE (pending how many players attend Assessments). Novice will focus on development, (shared ice at times), multi-station practice focusing on skating skills, agility, balance, coordination and quickness. Games are modified ice games up to January 15th with full ice games for the remainder of the season.

Q. How will I know if my child made the team?

Answer:

Minor Novice/Novice - Players will be selected and notified following the final tryout on September 10th in time for the Development Season from September 14th-October 30th.

*this will allow the Head Coaches to finalize their teams after being placed.

Q. If my child is not selected for a team, is house league an option?

Answer:

Yes, HHMH house league program will be running a modified ice program as well. More information for HL is on the HHMH website.

Q. What about On-ice instructors, trainers, managers and fundraising leaders?

Answer:

If you as a parent are interested in one of these positions, please fill in the survey before August 25th to help us with the planning of the teams.

Q. How much is it to play Jr Thunder hockey?

Answer:

There is an extra cost to play Jr Thunder hockey. Each team will have a budget set for their team that will include, Association fees (payable to HHMH by the team), and team fees.

Association fees will cover all ice usage, referees and time keepers.

Team fees will cover jamborees (away tournaments), development and any extra ice the team may decide to purchase.

Q. Are we able to fundraise?

Answer: In September each team will meet for a parent meeting to discuss team budgets. At this meeting we will request that a fundraising committee be set. The fundraising committee will meet separate to the parent meeting to come up with ideas to build team funds to help offset the cost of hockey. Fundraising is capped at the total cost of running the team (Association and Team fees), the more the team fundraises the less hockey will cost.

Q. Will my child be provided a Thunder Jersey?

Answer:

Both Minor Novice and Novice will wear the official HHMH Thunder jersey. Jerseys and socks will be purchased through JV clothing. The cost of the jerseys is not included in the team budget and will be payable to JV Clothing when ordered.

Approx. cost - \$200.00 for the set of home and away plus socks

**Individual jerseys will allow for players to choose their own number, and teams to use the jerseys for team revenue with jersey sponsorships.

Jerseys do not require purchasing each season, provided they are clean, not torn and still fit the player.

Q. Do we need to buy proper colored equipment if we make the team?

Answer:

Yes, each player will require a black helmet and black pants (pant shells not needed until Minor Atom).

Q. How far would we potentially need to travel?

Answer:

Orangeville, Oakville, Milton, Guelph, Brampton, Burlington (potentially) – however, until the season is organized with the ice schedulers we do not have an exact answer.

Q. Are games and practices on specific days of the week?

Answer:

The schedules are not always set for the same day of each week. We have worked on a schedule for Minor Novice and Novice to allow for some consistency each week. There will be times that this schedule will change when the game schedule is completed. Below is an example of what to expect:

Minor Novice - Wednesday or Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Novice - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and Saturdays.

**Dates may change due to away games and Jamborees.

Q. My child only wants to play goalie, is this an option?

Answer:

Hockey Canada recommends that all players have an opportunity to play goal and rotate through the goaltender position throughout the season. The Hockey Canada Long-Term Player Development Model encourages a wide range of skill development at a young age and focusing on a single position may limit the opportunity to practice skills in all areas.

If a player absolutely loves the goaltending position, we encourage them to continue their skating skills but at the same time do not want to deny them the opportunity to develop as a goalie and will give them opportunity to play goalie.

Q. Do we need to tryout out as a goalie?

Answer:

Minor Novice – No, please attend first Assessment as a player

Novice – Can attend as either a player or goalie.

Please fill out the information survey and we will introduce goalies as tryouts progress. If your child is only interested in goalie, please speak with HHMH Junior Director at the upcoming assessments.