

Hockey Edmonton – 2018-19 NOVICE PROGRAM

Information Bulletin – 2018 AGM Recommendations

Please note the following modifications to the Novice division of play which have been recommended for the 2018-19 season by the Hockey Edmonton Novice Committee (additional modifications will be made for the 2019-20 season):

- **MINOR NOVICE (7 years old - 2011) (Full Half-Ice Implementation Plan)**
 - Full implementation of Hockey Canada/Alberta half-ice program in effect;
 - Half-ice games ONLY;
 - NEW Hockey Canada/Alberta Novice half-ice game regulations;
 - Minor Novice Game Format 4v4 (can be modified if necessary, depending on roster size/game attendance);
 - Equal Play Model;
 - Half-ice/shared-ice practices ONLY;
 - NEW Hockey Edmonton Season Structure and Standards of Play;
 - Seasonal Phases: Preseason/Team Formation Phase, Development Phase, Regular Season Phase);
 - Hockey Edmonton allocation: 16 games and 30 practices (September 29-March 15);
 - 45-55 total practices (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - 30-40 total games (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - Consistent event locations, dates, times (*some exceptions*) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - 3 tournaments (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - No score keeping (game sheet), no standings – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - 1.5-minute shift buzzers during games, No faceoffs;
 - No playoffs, Jamboree/celebration to finish – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - No participant medals;
 - Multiple station works practices to develop technical skills and individual tactics;
 - Progressive curriculum must follow the Hockey Canada Skill Development Pyramid;
 - Hockey Edmonton to develop 15 half-ice practice curriculums for coaches;
 - Hockey Canada Network App and Drill Hub available to coaches;
 - Modified tiering system (1-6) – allow flexibility, DOA's must have equally blended teams;
 - Modified team roster sizes (18 minimum, 20 maximum) – one dressing room per team;
 - If you do not field appropriate numbers for a game, your team shall practice on other half-ice side (minor only);
 - No full-time goalies (40% maximum, goalie must also play out);
 - Rotate all players through all positions;
 - Regulation sized nets AND Blue pucks only (practices and games);
 - Blue pucks only (practices and games);



- 10 to 1 athlete to coach ratio (Coach 1, RIS = All) – *waiting for confirmation from Hockey Alberta.*
- **MAJOR (8 years old - 2010) (Transitional Full-Ice Implementation Plan)**
 - Transitional modified implementation of full-ice program in effect;
 - Full-ice games, rules, same referees, same period lengths;
 - TRADITIONAL Hockey Canada/Alberta Novice full-ice game regulations;
 - Equal Play Model;
 - Half-ice/shared-ice practices ONLY;
 - NEW Hockey Edmonton Season Structure and Standards of Play;
 - Seasonal Phases: Preseason/Team Formation Phase, Development Phase, Regular Season Phase);
 - Hockey Edmonton allocation: 18 games and 26 practices (September 29-March 15);
 - 45-55 total practices (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - 30-40 total games (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - Consistent event locations, dates, times (*some exceptions*) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - 3 tournaments (maximum) – Hockey Canada/Alberta;
 - Score keeping remains (game sheet), hidden standings (website backend);
 - Usage of full hour of ice, adjust 5 and 2-minute rule;
 - Tournament playoffs, Jamboree/celebration to finish;
 - Multiple station works practices to develop technical skills and individual tactics;
 - Progressive curriculum must follow the Hockey Canada Skill Development Pyramid;
 - Hockey Edmonton to develop 15 half-ice practice curriculums for coaches;
 - Hockey Canada Network App and Drill Hub available to coaches;
 - Modified tiering system (1-6) – allow flexibility, DOA's must have equally blended teams;
 - Modified team roster sizes (15 minimum, 16 maximum) – one dressing room per team;
 - No full-time goalies (40% maximum, goalie must also play out);
 - Rotate all players through all positions;
 - Regulation sized nets AND Blue pucks only (practices and games);
 - 10 to 1 athlete to coach ratio (Coach 1, RIS = All) – *waiting for confirmation from Hockey Alberta;*
 - Medals for winning teams only.

Half-ice boards logistics:

- City of Edmonton will flood ice every hour;
- City of Edmonton is responsible to guide trolley to and from arena gates – City of Edmonton standards are already in place with TIMBITS boards logistics;
- Referees are not required to assist with setup, moving, or disassembly of boards;
- Extra hard-card positions should be considered to allow parents to assist with boards process;
- First Group: A minimum of two coaches from each team must be available (wearing skates and helmets) to setup boards;



- Subsequent Groups: A minimum of two coaches from each team must be available (wearing skates and helmets) to move boards;
- Last Groups: A minimum of two coaches from each team must be available (wearing skates and helmets) to disassemble boards;

Other notes:

- Absolutely NO player acceleration from Discovery to Timbits, Timbits to Novice, Novice to Atom;
 - Deceleration is acceptable from Major to Minor and Minor to Timbits (for developmental enrichment only);
- If operating areas are unable to field a full appropriate minor/major team size, it is encouraged to amalgamate with other operating areas/districts to create optimal team size and skill groupings;
- The need for improved coach and parent education is essential Hockey Edmonton will investigate developing its own practice curriculums, coach education program, and parent education program for the Novice division of play. This will ensure consistent messaging across the city and efficient and effective use of half-ice/shared-ice practices;
- Further literature and support documents (standards of play/season structure, game regulations, practice regulations, coach training, parent communication, curriculum, etc.) will be distributed and implemented by Hockey Edmonton before the start of the 2018-19 season;
- *In 2019-20 Major Novice will follow same rules as Minor Novice (Full implementation plan).*

Communication Plan:

1. Hockey Edmonton 2018-19 Novice Committee work: March 15-April 15, 2018;
2. Hockey Edmonton Board Meeting: April 11, 2018;
3. Hockey Edmonton Ice Allocation Meeting: April 18, 2018;
4. Hockey Edmonton EFHL Interlock Meeting: April 23, 2018;
5. DOA's Presidents Meeting: April 30, 2018 (*tentative*);
6. Hockey Edmonton AGM: May 9, 2018;
7. Information Bulletin sent to Hockey Edmonton DOA's: May 11, 2018;
8. Information Bulletin sent to Hockey Edmonton membership: May 14, 2018;
9. Hockey Edmonton Novice Program website: May 18, 2018;
10. Hockey Edmonton Novice Pilot/Media Day: TBA;
11. Hockey Edmonton "Northern Cities" Novice Meeting: May 28, 2018;
12. Small Area Hockey Event Night: June 2018;
13. Novice Director Information Meeting (Hockey Edmonton office): September 2018;
14. Novice Parent Information Meetings (North and South locations): September 2018;
15. Novice Coach Information Meetings (North and South locations): September 2018;
16. Hockey Edmonton Novice Mentorship Program: October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

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