

Initiation/Novice Division 2018-2019 Questions & Answers

How many times a week will my child is on the ice?

For Initiation and Novice division, they normally get two ice times per week which are Saturday and Sunday. For the most part of the year – most of the regular ice-time will have a start time of 7am, 8am or 9am.

Initiation

Ice-time will be between these two arenas for most regular scheduled times:

- Arthur J. LeBlanc Centre, 432 Melanson Road, Dieppe (Olympic Surface)
- Arena Eugène LeBlanc, 450 Centrale Street, Memramcook

Novice

Ice-time will be between these two arenas for most regular scheduled times:

- Arthur J. LeBlanc Centre, 432 Melanson Road, Dieppe (St-Anselme Surface)
- Arena Eugène LeBlanc, 450 Centrale Street, Memramcook
- Centenaire Arena, 489 Notre Dame Road, Dieppe

How are the teams going to be divided?

The first two practices will be held by our Technical Director, Serge Bourgeois on Saturday, October 13rd and Sunday, October 14th, 2018 with the help of the volunteer coaches. The group of coaches will determine the strength of each player and will then divide the teams equally. This will be done after the first two practices in the form of a draft.

How does the games and Jamboree work?

Initiations are not permitted to play any games before December 15, 2018 and Novice are not permitted to play any games before November 15, 2018.

Games are usually a specific amount of time with a buzzer telling the kids to change every 2 or 3 minutes (depending on where it is). Ice will be divided in two or three games per ice depending on where you are playing. The scores are never on the board or emphasized to the players. Jamborees usually consist of 2-4 games within one or three days following the same rules as regular games. Each kid gets a medal/trophy at the end of the last game of a Jamboree.

How many Jamborees in a season?

Each team is allowed up to 5 jamborees per season including the following two:

- 18th Jamboree Initiation/Novice Dieppe-Memramcook on January 4-6, 2019
- Tim Hortons Timbits Tournament, Moncton on January 25-27, 2019

Depending on where the teams registered (spaces limited in all Jamborees).

The other jamborees will be decided by the teams. Please note that only the two above are mandatory. Each team will be participating according to the agreeance of the team.

What is the structure of a team?

Each team will need a Head Coach, at least one Assistant Coach and one Team Manager. We need parents to help out as one Team Manager per team. We will need to fill up these roles as soon as the team rosters are made.

What are the team fees for?

The team fees are expenses not included in the registration. For the Initiation and Novice level the jersey and hockey socks are provided by Tim Hortons which means no cost to the parents. The team fees can include the name bar, team matching toques, jamborees entry fees and Timbits jamboree tickets for when the players will walk on the ice during the intermission of the Wildcats game. Some of these items are optional. The manager will detail the fees at the team meeting.

What is Respect in Sports – Parents (mandatory)

Respect in Sports is a online course/video that Hockey New Brunswick made mandatory for all new parents to complete. There is a small fee associated to this course, and can take up to an hour to complete.

One parent for each player needs to take the online course of Respect for Sports – Parents before December 15, 2018; if not completed by December 15th, their child will not be able to continue past this date until the course is obtained.

The course can be found at the following link:

<https://hnbparent.respectgroupinc.com/>

If the course was complete when an older sibling started hockey, you simply need to add your new add your profile to the new player.

What equipment does my child need?

Please make sure the equipment is in good shape and fits correctly. I know gear can be expensive and we like to use stuff from older kids to save some money, but a helmet that is too big and flips around on the kids head is very dangerous. Neck guards are also mandatory; no player is permitted on the ice without one. Also ensure that you have socks and a jersey for the first two practices before the teams are made.

Any questions, comments, concerns or complaints!

Please do not hesitate to contact your division coordinator.

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