



**Q: Why should my child play hockey?**

Hockey is a great family-friendly sport for making new friends, getting physically active, building character, learning the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, personal responsibility and creating memories that last a lifetime. And because **HOCKEY IS FUN!**

**Q: At what age can my child start playing organized hockey?**

Hockey Canada offers organized hockey starting at the **Timbits Under-7 (U7)** level for children who will be either 4, 5 or 6 years old on or before December 31 of the current hockey season.

Learn more about the Timbits U7 program [here](#).

After finishing the Initiation program, players move on to a two-year **Under-9 (U9) Program**. Children who will be turning 7 or 8 years old on or before December 31 of the current hockey season are considered U9 players. Learn more about the U9 program [here](#).

**Q. Is it too late for my child to begin?**

It's never too late to start playing hockey. We have had kids begin at the U18 level.

**Q. I hear hockey is expensive?**

It's true that the initial registration fee may be more than other sports, however, over a longer 6 month season, the cost per session is a great value and often less than shorter-season sports. Financial assistance may be available for families through programs such as ProKids, Jumpstart or Hockey Canada Foundation.

**Q: How do I register my child?**

Click [here](#) for registration information for Riverview Minor Hockey Club.

**Q: What is the average weekly time commitment?**

About 2-3 hours per week on average.

**Q: What equipment does my child need?**

Click [here](#) to see the required equipment.

