



Female Hockey has been the fastest growing sport in St. Vital and Winnipeg. The Chill have truly become more than just hockey, we have become a family. Playing hockey is an exhilarating experience. It's fast, exciting, fun, safe and because it's part of the fabric of our Canadian culture it creates a very special connection with both players and parents. Speed, tenacity, fitness, challenge, friendships and fun make female hockey simply the greatest game in the world! Many Chill alumni girls will play hockey as adults, long after their competitive days are over.

The St. Vital Chill Female Hockey Program

St. Vital Chill female hockey is designed to build on the fun of the game and become a peak experience both on and off the ice for girls aged 4 to 17. It is designed to focus on hockey skill development at both the recreational and the highest competitive levels and bring girls together in a team setting where they can play together as friends and teammates. Our Chill hockey program is focused on skill development, fun and friendship and these values are stressed at all levels.

Throughout the season, Chill players receive player development skates.

What are Team Fees and what do they cover?

Team Fees are shared expenses for the team. Last season U9 Team Fees ranged from \$300 - \$400 per player and covered the cost of practice ice and tournaments. Team Fees are paid in addition to registration costs.

Teams have successfully fundraised to help reduce these additional costs. Time payment options are available and determined by each team.

How do you determine how many Chill teams there are each year and what level skaters will play?

The number of Chill teams is determined by Hockey Winnipeg based on the number of registrants at an age group. There are evaluations for all players and teams are determined after rankings by independent evaluators.

When can I expect to have practices and games?

All games for our U9 teams last season were on the weekend except for tournaments and playoffs. Most of the practices were during the week supplemented by a weekday outdoor practice ice time each week.

There are six Block training sessions scheduled with The Rink, three sessions for each half of the year. These were scheduled on Sundays and included in the registration fees.

What are the different age categories?

U9: 7 & 8	U15: 13 & 14
U11: 9 & 10	U18: 15, 16 & 17
U13: 11 & 12	

What Chill Programming Looks Like for Coaches and Parents

The goal of our programs at all ages and levels is to improve our ability to put together a group of athletes with the common goal of improving their hockey skill, competing at their respective levels,

enjoying the game of hockey and being part of a team.

Another goal of ours is for coaches and parents to be informed of our programs either prior to or at registration, so they are familiar with our philosophy and understand the commitment required. Winning games is not the most important thing, but we want all of our teams to step on the ice confident that they can compete and have a chance to win.

Where and when do I register?

Families belonging to SVMHA can register from the association's home website:
<https://www.stvitalhockey.ca/page/show/696726-registration>

Registration is open in July and closes mid August.