



Winnipeg Storm

Fort Garry North Hockey Association (FGNHA) and South Winnipeg Hockey Association (SWHA) operate a joint female hockey program under the brand Winnipeg Storm. Girls thrive in the female U9 divisions because they are amongst peers with a common purpose – to have fun, develop skills, learn the game and compete.

The Female U9 divisions fall under Hockey Winnipeg which means our teams play other area associations throughout the city. Female U9 hockey is tiered into three divisions – U9 A1, U9 A2 and U9 A3. League play consists of 18 games.

Throughout the season, Winnipeg Storm players receive player development skates with Vigier Hockey. The development is well-organized practices that focus on speed, agility, power skating, passing and shooting.

Why does Female U9 cost more than the regular U9 program?

The higher fee is due to team registration through Hockey Winnipeg.

What are Team Fees and what do they cover?

Team Fees are shared expenses for the team. Last season U9 Team Fees were approximately \$650.00 per player and covered the cost of practice ice, name bars, hockey socks and tournaments. Team Fees are paid in addition to registration costs.

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

The number of Storm 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 with Vigier Hockey player development skates on alternating Tuesdays and some weekday practices (Monday-Friday). The teams also attended weekend practices.

For games, do coaches skill match lines during games?

Coaches try their best to match skill but other coaches sometimes either have set lines or may not be interested.

What are the different age categories?

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

Coach advice to new families:

- Get involved with the team (coach, manager, safety, etc.)
- It's a long season so don't worry if you miss 1 or 2 games/practices.

Where and when do I register?

Families belonging to FGNHA can register from the association's home website:
<https://www.fgnha.com/registration>

Families belonging to SWHA can register from the association's home website:
<https://www.swha.ca/southwinnipeg hockey association/OnlineRegistration>

Registration is open by the first week of August and closes early September.