



# U9 Parents Meeting

Sherwood Park Minor Hockey

# Introduction

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# Goals for the Season

Our main goal is ensure the kids have fun in a positive environment while maximising their own development.

There are numerous coach development opportunities and the level of coaching this year in particular should be strong.



# League Format

We will be playing as part of the EFHL.

2- 25 minute halves with 90 second shifts.

Games are typically played on the weekends however not exclusively on the weekends.

2 Practice sessions a week. One during the week one on the weekend. They are not on set days or times due to ice availability. This is a typical setup and not necessarily 100% accurate as above, ice availability plays a big part of this.



# Equipment

Standard hockey equipment is required for all SPMHA ice times including CSA helmet and neck protector. Our partners at Sin Bin Sports will gladly provide you with assistance on getting the appropriate equipment for your kid including SPMHA socks.

Need to have SPMHA socks or plain white or plain black socks for all evaluation games (19th-26th)



# On Ice Expectations

All of our kids will have equal opportunities to play and practice at the U9 level. In return we ask that respect and attention is given to the volunteer coaches by both parents and players.

We expect that all kids will at least have an opportunity to try every position if the player so chooses too; including goalie.



# Referees and Officials

Please keep in mind many of the referees and officials are newer and learning. Just like our players we expect them to all be treated with respect and abuse of officials and referees will not be tolerated, you may be asked by your coach or team manager to leave the area if this behavior occurs.

SPMHA is a volunteer run organization. We are all working in our free time to facilitate a positive environment for your kids. This includes the coaches.

We also need to have team officials trained on the half board install and takedown. That meeting info will follow in due time.



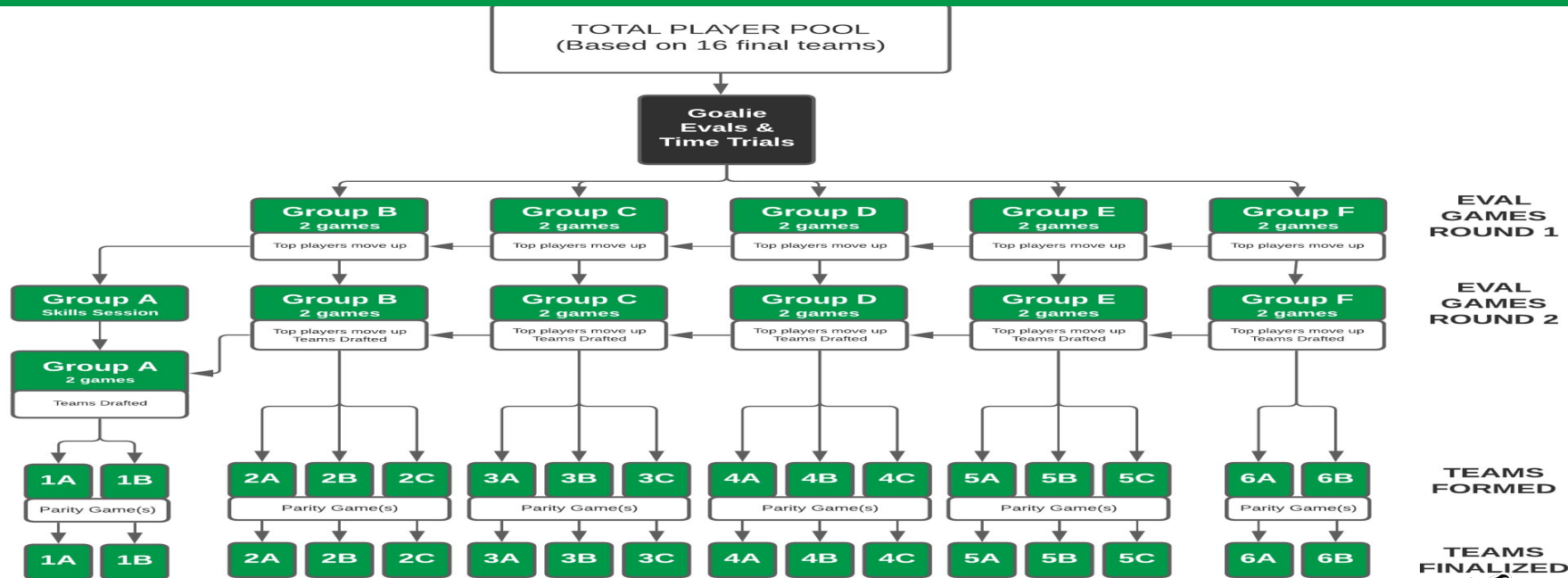
# Grading Process

s discussed at the evaluation town hall meeting earlier this week. We are following the format of 2 pre-skates, 1 timing day evaluation for initial group placement. Then we will be doing 2 rounds of evaluation games with player movement. PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE VIA TEAMSNAPE. I will be placing kids on evaluation teams on the 18th at their timing is coming in. Their first eval game is the 19th. These will be posted via Teamsnap!





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# U9 Oil Kings Jamboree

This year we will be doing a U9 jamboree hosted by the edmonton oil Kings. As part of this we will be selling tickets to one of the Oil Kings game as our SPMHA “take over the arena” night. More details on this to follow. The Jamboree is scheduled for Oct. 30th.



# Mandatory Fundraising / Volunteer Commitment

Each team will be responsible for their own fundraising for tournaments and other events or expenses outside of league play and practices.

We are also starting to plan the U9 Christmas tournament and each team will have to provide at least 1 volunteer to assist with this event. Good news is I have done 2 of these for the initiation group and will gladly help out the tournament committee.

Throughout the course of the rest of the year there will be a need for other volunteers to help with each team including but not limited to a team manager, time keepers, assistant coaches.



# Communication

All of our communication comes via the TeamSnap program including our mailouts. If you are not familiar with the app or website please make every effort to familiarize yourself as I/We just simply do not have the time to walk everyone through the program. Parents if you find a person on your team is struggling with the communications please try to assist them. As a last resort you can reach out to me and I will help you out to the best of my ability.



# Conflict Resolution

U9 has a very strict 24 hour rule policy for any conflict. If you have an issue with a coach; wait 24 hours then discuss with them. If there is no resolution there wait another 24 hours and reach out to myself.

Evaluation or team placement issues:

Please consult the evaluation Guidelines grievance process on the SPMHA website.



# Volunteers

Coaches and evaluators are still needed. I will be reaching out to those that have expressed an interest in helping and starting to coordinate those for the 18th and through the evaluation process this weekend to finalize details and get everyone lined up with the times they are needed or are able to help out.

Please look for this no later than monday evening.

If you wish to help in any capacity and have not already done so via the forms on the SPMHA website; please reach out to me and I will add you to the list.



# Arena and Covid Protocols

We will be following any mandatory protocols established by with the government of alberta or the County of strathcona with regards to this. Please stay informed and Brad is usually pretty good at getting the latest information out to the membership in a timely fashion.

For evaluation and pre skate times. Right now I would recommend getting your kids ready at home as much as possible prior to each ice time. Two reasons: it limits the exposure time, and it also helps keep everything on time through timing day and evaluation games.



# Q&A

