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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Minor Members, Minor Hockey Associations
From: Phillip McKee – Executive Director
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Re: U9 Spring Evaluations Update
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The OHF would like to inform Members that spring evaluations for U9 & U8 Minor Development (MD) and Select hockey (highest tier within the Member) can begin at the direction of each Member, starting as early as the first day after their Member's U7 and U9 programming is complete for the 2024-25 season and can extend for 14 days from that date

Seasonal Structure for Programming

The seasonal structure for U9 & U8 programming will remain consistent with U11 seasonal structure, including programming over the summer and development phases, ensuring continuity and support for players' growth. Please refer to Appendix A for the U11 seasonal calendar.

Half Ice Programming

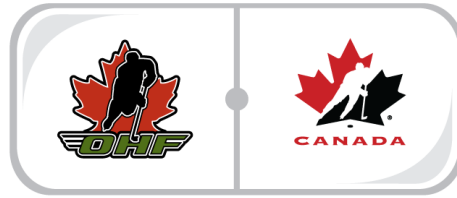
There are no changes to half-ice programming for U9 & U8 players. The OHF is committed to delivering a comprehensive plan that focuses on both skill development and game-based activities throughout the entire year, tailored to meet the needs of players at U9 based on their individual development needs.

Coach Education and Support

As part of our commitment to player development, the OHF will host information sessions aimed at Association representatives and coaches to provide information on the key focus areas of the U9 & U8 age group.

Resources

- [Appendix B: Benefits of Half-Ice Hockey](#)
- [U9 Player Pathway](#)
- [U9 Preparation Phase Ice Sessions](#)
- [U9 Player Evaluation / Selection](#)



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- U9 Development Phase and In-Season Skills Matrix will be developed and distributed to Associations and Coaches before the start of next season.

Ongoing Review

The OHF will continue to work with representatives of the Members to assess and evaluate the half-ice programming, and will provide updates should any changes be made to the U9 and U8 divisions in the future.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to a successful season of development for all players!

OHF Members

