



## **U9 Prep and Evaluation phase for Rep Hockey (Tier 1, Tier 2)**

The U9 tiered (pre-rep) hockey program is offered to those players who wish to play a more advanced level of hockey. Following the Hockey Canada/OMHA guidelines for the pathway rep program, HHMH invites all U9 players (8 years of age) who would like to play tiered (pre-rep) hockey program to participate in the upcoming 2022-23 season prep (development) and evaluation phase starting the week of September 6th! The schedule can be found under the **tryout menu** on the Halton Hills Minor Hockey website.

All players who wish to participate in the U9 prep and evaluation phase for the rep hockey program are required to be registered and purchase a tryout card to attend the prep and evaluations. Registration information can be found on the HHMH website [www.haltonhillsminorhockey.com](http://www.haltonhillsminorhockey.com)

### **What is the prep phase?**

- As per Hockey Canada, all players who plan to attend evaluations (tryouts) for tiered level travel hockey (pre-representative hockey) have the opportunity to attend 4 development sessions prior to the evaluation phase.
- The prep phase consists of (4) development sessions that are geared towards working on the player's individual hockey skills; skating, agility, balance, passing, puck control, small area games...
- Drills will be set up in stations geared to focus on individual player skills.
- Players will not be assessed for teams during the evaluations sessions.
- HHMH coaches will be on the ice running the development sessions.

### **Is it a requirement that all players attend the 4 development session in order to participate in the evaluations?**

- The development sessions are optional; however, they are recommended and are included in the price of the tryout card. All tryout cards are a set price to include the 4 sessions and evaluations (no adjustments to the price will be given).
- Players who do not attend the development sessions are still able to attend the evaluations.
- All sessions will start the week of September 6th and are followed by evaluation (tryouts). The schedule can be found under the Tryout menu/Tryout schedule.

### **What are evaluation tryouts?**

- Evaluation tryouts are an opportunity for players to display their hockey abilities.
- Each player will be individually evaluated and selected to teams accordingly, based on level of ability and skill. Tier 1/Tier 2 and if there are enough players, Tier 3.
- All evaluation sessions will be organized and run by the Head Coaches and a team of evaluators.
- Players will be evaluated with like-ability skill level of players to allow for maximum growth.



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### **What to expect following the evaluations?**

- Players will be advised as to which tryout they are to continue with/or move to following each evaluation session via website.
- Each player will receive a tracking number that they will reference on the website following each evaluation.
- Information will be advised on this system as to where the player has placed/details how to access the site will be provided at the evaluations.
- Tracking numbers will be issued at the start of the evaluations.

### **Season Structure:**

- HHMH plans to have 2 U9 teams (tiered based on level of skill) and if there are enough players, a 3<sup>rd</sup> team may be added.
- Teams will have a max of 18 players per team.
- This will allow for four lines and two goaltenders.
- Hockey Canada recommends that goaltenders are rotated to play out for development purposes.
- There will be a development stage following evaluations prior to regular season.
- Teams will practice 2 times per week following the evaluations (end of Sept/October) (on-ice development with a hired certified hockey instructor for a total of 8 sessions supplied by HHMH, coaches may increase the amount of sessions at a team level).
- Regular season will begin in November ending in March.
- U9 – games will start with a modified, half ice program moving to full ice in January 2022.
- 1 game per week (sometimes 2), with some travel.
- 1 off-ice training session/per week (total of 8 sessions) at Flash Athletic Academy in Georgetown.
- 2 to 3 tournaments

### **What are HHMH's program goals for U9?**

- Have fun, become active, learn hockey fundamentals, team work, and fair play, develop and refine hockey skills.
- Become part of a team and make memories!

\*All dates and details listed above are subject to change.