



Regional Development Program Pilot Project

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Pilot Objective

- Implement a regional skill development program to meet the needs of our competitive players without affecting the registration numbers within the minor hockey association.
- Develop U13 players to better prepare them for the AAA program.
- Provide opportunity for second and third tiered player to enjoy the game with "like skilled players".
- All other players and families with activities or interests will receive one scheduled weekend off per month
- Prevent the toxic atmosphere that can occur between competitive and recreational players.
- Invest in our own regional players at a younger age

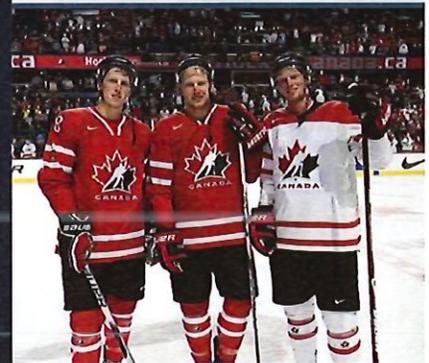


Objectives Statement

Regions outside of the cities do not have the opportunity to host AA or AAA caliber hockey programs for their membership. Competitive-minded players will have the chance to be a part of a development program without affecting their regular house league teams. Investment needs to be put into player development at a younger age to ensure better performance at the elite level of hockey.

Spring hockey has become extremely popular due to the competitive nature. Teams can pick and choose their roster as Hockey Manitoba's rostering rules do not apply. This type of development program would mirror the attraction of spring hockey and allow the excitement to last all season long. This could also be an opportunity for regionally ran spring teams in the future by having more players to choose from to create a roster. Teams who play together, stay together.

For those players who do not desire elite hockey, this program will allow them to have time off each month to enjoy other activities.



Participants

Due to the large volume of players in the U11 age group, we are focusing on U13 to ensure the programs success. If the program is deemed successful, U11 will be added next year.

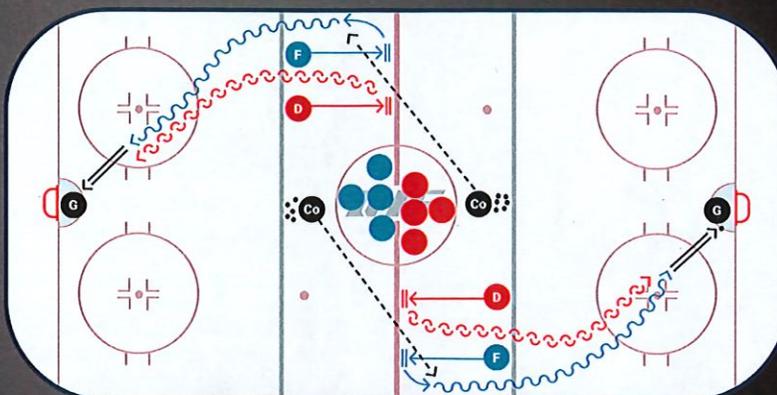
- U13 Male Players
- U13 Female Player

- All players must be registered through Hockey Manitoba and be rostered with their local Minor Hockey Association.
- Any player who has interest in tiered competitive hockey will be accepted into the program.

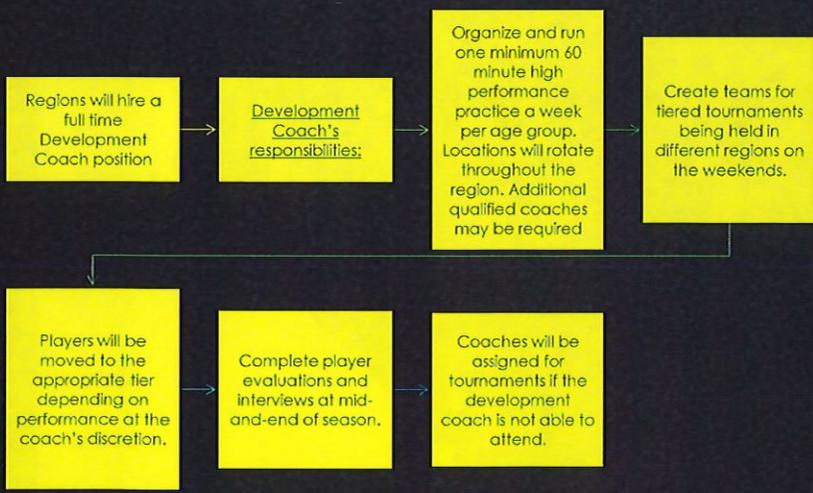


Coach Development

- This program is intended to assist regions with coach development at no additional cost. The program's practices are already running, and MHA coaches are welcome to attend and learn at their convenience. With most coach clinics going to virtual, this allows for on ice learning sessions from the regional development coach.



Development Program Employment



Program Costs

- Ice rentals-** for practices around the region(location may vary depending on ice rates or availability).
- Referees-** for intersquad games or if region is hosting the weekend tournament.
- Coaches-** the wage required for the Development Coach and any additional coach or coach expense.
- Team Bonding-** Activities will be determined by the coach.
- *Registration will be set to cover costs associated with everything listed above.***
- *All regions are different making a standard cost unachievable; however, it is our goal to keep it as affordable as possible.***
- Regions will need to supply jerseys for their teams. All regions participating will be designated a color to require one set only.**

Regional League Requirements

- Schedule for the participating age groups will be blacked out at the league level.
- Region Development Programs will practice every Monday night at designated locations.
- House League team managers will not book tournaments for the designated weekday practice or weekend tournament.
- Hockey Manitoba's blackout weekends will be scheduled around by the Region Development Tournaments.

Regional Weekend Tournaments



- Tournaments will be hosted at different locations on designated weekends.
- The cost of the tournament will be paid by the hosting region and to be budgeted into that region's player fees.
- Gate admission is permitted to help support local minor hockey associations. Players and coaching staff are exempt.
- One team trophy is to be awarded to the winning team only in each level.
- Game stars are suggested and to be picked by opposing coaches.
- Evaluation weekend November 8th and 9th
- Tournament rules TBD

Tournament Date

- November 29th & 30th All Teams- Location TBD
- December 14th & 15th U13 Gold Female Showcase Winnipeg
- December 28th & 29th U13 Silver Female and All U13 Male Teams- Portage La Prairie
- February 15th & 16th All Teams – Parkland
- March 22nd and 23rd All Teams– Location TBD

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Region's Development Program

- More development at the U13 age groups creates a better developed player by U15

Hockey Canada's suggested player development

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- This will create more competitive hockey at the U15 up age categories, including elite levels



Development Models

Conclusion

The intent of these programs are for long term protection of Minor Hockey Associations. This is a true hybrid model similar to our Saskatchewan counterpart allowing players of like skill level to have opportunities to compete and develop together without hindering MHA's rosters.

We recognize some MHA's weekend tournaments may be affected by these regional tournaments. We suggest you to book other age groups during these designated weekends and wanted to ensure everyone is made aware well ahead of time.

Cooperation is needed by all involved to ensure the success of this program. This is a proactive program meant to combat the rogue hockey and academy hockey that continues to take our members. It is also a program meant to assist all regions with development of their players and coaches.