



**FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINOR HOCKEY
2022-23
PARENT HANDBOOK**

**U9 – Under 9
(Birth Years 2014, 2015)**





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Our Goal

Our goal is to ensure that try-outs are as transparent as possible and acknowledge that this process can be incredibly stressful on both participants and parents. Our end goal is to place each child at the level they can best develop and play with and against other players of similar skill set.

Objectives of Player Evaluation

1. To give each player a fair opportunity to exhibit the range of skills that they possess. At the U9 levels, a greater emphasis will be placed on time trials as the players get older the skill assessment and scrimmage sessions will have a greater overall impact on the player’s placement within the minor hockey program.
2. To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels as determined during the on-ice time trials of the current year.
3. To provide uniformity and consistency in the team formation process such that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of FSMH.

U9 Registration & Fees

- Registration Fees for the U9 division before July 15th are \$700.00.
 - Registration after July 15th is subject to a \$200.00 late fee.
- Registration fees can be paid in a 6-month installment plan.
First payment due at the time of registration,



Second – August 1

Third – Sept 1

Fourth – Oct 1

Fifth – Nov 1

Sixth – Dec 1

- Team Fees – Your team will likely do a cash call or plan some immediate fundraising to help with the cost of the season for example - tournaments

Commitment & Travel

- The season run approximately Sept to March
- On average each team will have 2 practices per week
- On average each team will have 1 game per week – Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey is part of the EFHL of all games will be within the Edmonton area.

The Evaluation Process Skating Time Trials

- Every player will participate in the skating time trials and will complete each of the designated drills twice and have their best time recorded. If the player happens to fall, they will get one more opportunity to complete the drill (could be more subject to the discretion of on-ice helpers and/or time available).
- Typically, three slots are available for each division, providing three groups with one-hour time slots each. From there, each group will be split into 2 subgroups during their session and drills will be run out of each end. Copies of the drills will be provided to players and parents when informed of their applicable time slot.
- The Division Director will make their best effort to ensure there is a minimum of 6 helpers per session (one timekeeper, one-time recorder, and one drill demonstrator for each subgroup). If possible, Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey parents should not be timekeeping or time recording for their child, however, it's understood this may not be possible depending on available volunteers
- The Division Director will add the applicable drill times together to create one final number and rank each player against their peers. This information is to be shared with the Vice President and President.
- Each player will be notified by email of their team placement after time trials are complete
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NOTE: There will be no goalie evaluations as players will rotate each game on who plays net.



U9 Team Formation Flow Chart

(Players Born 2014 & 2015)

U9 Tryouts
Skating Time Trials



You will be
contacted by the
U9 Coach or
Director for your
team placement



Other Notable Items

- If a player cannot attend tryouts due to sickness or injury, previous history and prior coach discretion is used – this is to ensure the highest possibility for the player to continue to develop at the proper level
- See ‘Team Formation’ section in the [FSMH Policy & Procedure manual for more information](#)
- The director (after consultation with the ice President/Vice President) may adjust the team formation process based on the needs of the specific division in that year. (In circumstances such as challenges faced due to COVID-19)

New for the 2022-23 season

- The EFHL Board of Directors have approved changes to scheduling for the following divisions and categories of play in order to create regional conferences to reduce travel for games during the EFHL Tiering round, Regular Season and Playoffs. This may include North and South and East and West Conferences. All other categories of play within the EFHL will remain the same.
 - **U9 Tiers 3-6**

FSMH Code of Conduct

1. Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey (FSMH) has endeavored to create a code of conduct for all participants in the hockey program. A participant is defined as (but not limited to) a player, coach, official, spectator, and/or executive member. The code of conduct will strive to address and ensure the following fundamentals of the game are adhered to at all times:
 - a. Shared respect for all participants of the game
 - b. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all participants.
 - c. Promote positive development for all players and coaches.
 - d. Ensure an environment allowing all participants to have fun.
 - e. All participants to represent FSMH in a positive way.
2. Membership and participation in FSMH activities is a privilege, not a right. Members, players, and participants are required to abide by the Bylaws and Policies of both FSMSA and FSMH, and their behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of the Bylaws, Policies, and this Code. The following is required of all participants in the program:
 - a. All participants shall respect the game of hockey and behave in an appropriate manner.
 - b. All participants shall respect other members, players, team officials, referees, spectators, executive members, and volunteers.
 - c. The use of profanity towards any participant will not be tolerated.



- d. FSMH will not tolerate the consumption of alcohol and/or drugs at FSMH-sanctioned events that would place FSMH in a manner of disrepute.
 - e. Any property damage to FSMH or other associations' equipment or facilities will not be tolerated, and the offender will be required to provide full financial restitution.
 - f. FSMH will not tolerate loud, obscene, obnoxious coaches, managers, assistants, players, parents, or fans.
 - g. Parents and fans are not permitted in the dressing rooms except as expressly permitted by the Coach to assist their child in changing before or after a game.
 - h. Under no circumstances is a parent or fan to enter the opposing team's dressing room.
 - i. Coaches and other team officials, players, parents, and fans are not permitted in the officials' dressing room, nor are they permitted to confront game officials about the game.
 - j. The inappropriate use of cameras, cell phones, tablets, or any other recording device is strictly prohibited in dressing rooms. This includes all coaches, parents, players, and officials. Players are not permitted to bring any form of camera, cell phone, or tablet into the dressing room. If caught, the following levels of discipline will be actioned:
 - i. First Offence: 1 Game Suspension from the team
 - ii. Second Offence: A review by the FSMH Disciplinary Committee and depending on severity, additional game suspension for potential removal from FSMH.
3. Violation by any member, fan, or participant of any provision of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action being taken by FSMH against such individuals.

Social Media Policy

Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey is committed to respectful behavior and conduct both on and off the ice and works to eliminate any disrespectful conduct and discriminatory practices including abuse, neglect, and harassment.

Unacceptable Conduct is not condoned by Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey, personal or other social media channel or account. This includes conduct by staff, volunteers, players, officials, Member organizations, stakeholders, or any member of the hockey community.

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the code of conduct and may be subject to disciplinary action by the member advocacy committee:

1. Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or threats of any type.
2. Divulging confidential information that may include but is not limited to the following: player injuries, game strategies, or any other matter of a sensitive nature.
3. Negative or derogatory comments about any other team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or players, coaches, volunteers, spectators, Board of Director, staff, or members.



4. Photographs, video, or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behavior including but not limited to drug use, alcohol abuse, public intoxication, hazing, sexual exploitation etc.
5. Online activity that contradicts the current League Code of Conduct or any policies, regulations and/or Code of conduct of its member Associations.
6. Inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments of any kind.
7. Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or to misrepresent fact or truth.

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