

## **U13 Mainstream 2025/26 Season**

U13 Players and Parents,

On behalf of the Lloydminster Minor Hockey Association, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all players and families as we begin the 2025/26 season. Whether you're joining us for the first time or are returning for another year, we are thrilled to have you as part of our hockey community. LMHA is very excited to kick off a new season full of development, competition and fun!

The upcoming season will commence on Sept.19/2025. The opening weekend will consist of evaluations completed by third party evaluators from Edmonton which will allow players to be properly tiered. These evaluations will occur Sept.19 - 21. Please expect your child to skate all 3 days of the evaluations. Please review the attached document for information on evaluation schedules and groupings. Once evaluations have been completed, the evaluators will supply the director with scores which will allow kids to be placed on teams based on those scores. Further details regarding the steps moving forward will be released at a later date.

Once evaluations have been completed, there will be a confirmation skate shortly after. If your child is to take part in the confirmation skate you will be notified as not all players will take part. Details on dates and times for that skate will be provided at a later date. The scores from the evaluators can be very close, therefore this skate is used to ensure LMHA places players in the tier they are best suited. If your child does not skate in the confirmation skate, you will be notified at a later date of the team they have been placed on. Please don't assume teams until the team information has been released. Final team announcements will be made in the coming weeks as evaluations and a confirmation skate are completed. Once the season begins, all teams will be registered and playing in the NEAHL regardless of the tier.

Volunteering is key to a successful season. Coach, manager, and parent involvement plays a key role in ensuring the season is successful. Typically, we would like to see coaches and managers set up prior to releasing the team info. If anybody is interested in volunteering for a manager or coaching position, please let me know and we can make sure you get signed up and are provided the support to get the ball rolling. We cannot guarantee everyone one of these positions, but on ice helpers are always appreciated as well. Once teams have been set and coaches and managers set in their roles with respective teams, there will be a coaches and managers meeting. Please stand by for further information on dates and times for the meeting.

As we work through the process of getting moving, there are always challenges and I appreciate your patience. I look forward to working with you all throughout the season and seeing you all at the rink. If you require anything during the season, please feel free to reach out via the email below.

Thanks,  
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