

### U15 Welcome Letter

For the 2025/26 season, evaluations will start Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> and go until September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see times below the groups, these will consist of games against the other teams. There will be two groups skating throughout the weekend with 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluators from Edmonton evaluating each kid in each skate session. The evaluators then take the average from the 3 skates and supply the director with the score, and kids will be placed on teams based on their score from the weekend.

There will be a confirmation skate (Not everybody will skate in this) Thursday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:15pm and the Coop Community Arena; an email will be sent out with kids that are skating in it early next week. The reason for this skate is to ensure the evaluators have the kids in the most accurate spots, as the scores can be very close and LMHA wants to ensure each kid is placed in their best suited tier. If your child does not skate in the confirmation skate, please do not assume teams your child will be on; once teams come out, you will know what team they are on. There may be kids from other groups that skate in this as well, as it is strictly for the directors to see where the kids fit best.

After confirmation skates are complete, we typically like to try and have coaches and managers in place before we send out the teams. If you are at all interested in coaching or managing this year, please send me an email and I will try my best to get you in that roll or at least as a helper. If there are lots of volunteers, I can't guarantee everybody a spot but will do my best to accommodate where I can.

As of right now my plan is to have the following teams play in the NEAHL: Tier 2, Tier 3 and two Tier 1 NBC (no body contact) teams. If your child has no interest in playing body contact, please send me an email and I will ensure he or she does not go on a contact team. If I don't get an email, I will assume your child will play contact this season if your child makes the top 2 tier teams. If your child does not make a contact team this season, please do not be discouraged as every year some kids start out upset but end up having a great year.

U15 will host a tournament and this year for the two Tier 1 NBC teams. The tournament will run from November 28-30<sup>th</sup> and will consist of a total of 8 teams. I will be asking 1 parent to step up and run this tournament, and we will request 2 additional parents from each team to assist the tournament coordinator. If you are interested in helping with this, please email me; the earlier we can get this in place the smoother this will run.

As the U15 director for the 3<sup>rd</sup> season in a row, I appreciate your patience as there are always challenges. We will work through them as they arise and learn from them for the future.

I wish you and your child a great season and look forward to seeing everybody at the rink!

Thanks,

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