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# U9 MD Full Ice Programming Pilot

## Tri-County Minor Hockey League

### 2024/2025 Seasonal Structure

*Revised Oct 8, 2024*



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## U9 Program OHF Pilot Group Overview

TCMHL will provide a tiered MD league for associations for U9. The MD league is intended to operate in partnership with your associations commitment to opportunity-based programming. Associations may partner the MD league program with internal commitments to their additional development program.

***For the 2024/2025 Season the U9MD1 group will participate in a full ice pilot program that will be implemented by the OHF.***

- MD League will be divided into one group with first entry teams and game play is based on the following priorities:
  - Geographic areas
  - Tiering options/association entries
  - Facility and partnering between associations

***\*Please note some exceptions may be required due to association/league needs***

- Rules for game play will be communicated annually and sent to associations by your OMHA Regional Director
- Hockey Canada Pathways and OHF/OMHA communicated Seasonal Structures and Objectives are the foundation for the TCMHL programming model.
- Program models will be reviewed annually and in consultation with associations



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## U9 MD Season Summary- Full Ice Pilot Group MD First Entry Teams

Prep/Evaluation & Development Phase  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

- Prep Skates (min 4)
- Evaluations (min 3 prior to tiering)
- Focus on Skills/Development
- Up to 6 Exhibition Games- (Starting Sept 20) may be used in reg season/end of season phase

Regular Season Phase- Full Ice  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2025

- Full ice games
- 10 games
- Seasonal break at Christmas

End of Season Phase  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

- Full Ice Games
- **18 games total** composed as follows:
- **12 games (plus 6 Ex games)**
- TCMHL U9 Championship (March 28-30)

### Notes:

- Tiering of players grouped by like skill & placed in groups for game play (based on association submissions)
- On-going monitoring of pods/game match ups
- iPad/Game Sheet Inc used for Full Ice Games, Scores & Standings kept
- 3 tournaments post Jan 10<sup>th</sup> (no jamboree Pre Jan 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Seasonal Break –Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 to Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2025
- **TCMHL Development Phase tiering evaluation/kick off week/weekend Oct 19-28th 2024 pending interest approval of TCMHL associations TBD**
  - 2 exhibition games per team split cost of games to the host centres.
- Year End TCMHL Championship Weekend: **March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> under review Alternative date April 5/6<sup>th</sup> 2025**
  - Interested hosts to email Tri-County President and OMHA Regional Director by Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 (host sharing between associations option)
  - Costing per team and event overview to be provided as part of host interest submission
  - Each team to play min 3 games (championship game 4<sup>th</sup> game)
  - Pizza Lunch and Team Beverages (between Saturday Games)
  - Team medallions provided by TCMHL for all participants



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## U9 Full Ice Game Play and Scheduling

**Highlights**

- Games played outside TCMHL scheduled regular/end of season require travel permits
- All tournaments require travel permits (excluding TCMHL Year End Show Case)
- Pod's will be finalized based on association interest and may be adjusted prior or during the season to ensure tiering by like skill is optimized
- Flexibility built into game scheduling for additional exhibition games

### Full Ice Game Play:

- 4x6 nets required for U9 full ice games
- 3 min warm up (option for 5 min if ice time permits)
- 10-10-15 period lengths (no buzzers ice time permitted) 10-10-10 alternative
- Traditional full ice playing rules in effect
- Black pucks used for full ice games
- Affiliation U9 to U9 throughout the season, U9 to U10/U11 permitted after Jan 15<sup>th</sup> only
- Game Sheet Inc/iPads used for all full ice games



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#### **Contact and Program Leads:**

- Michelle Bridges, OMHA Regional Director (Region 3 Area C)
- Tammy Knibbs, OMHA Regional Director (Region 3 Area F)
- Paul Allan, OMHA Vice President- Central District
- Glen Davis & Paul Harvey, Tri County Minor Hockey League
- U9 Convenor: Peter Cabral

#### **Decision Points Confirmed:**

- Scheduling of games will be completed by Tri-County League Scheduler in partnership with league schedulers, note all exhibition games are booked by association schedulers.
- March Break regular season games may be scheduled if mutually agreed to by both associations
- ***Competition PODS -Adjustments may be required in season to align groups by like skill***

#### **Decision Points Pending Confirmation:**

- Year end participation in TCMHL Kick off/Championship optional, associations must communicate by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 of their participation.



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**Pods U9:** Association *projected* entries as of Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Reminder:**

- *Pods will be monitored and adjusted if needed to address tiering by like skill*
- *Initial Pods are prioritized (when possible) by the following:*
  - *Geographic areas*
  - *Facility and partnering between associations*
  - *Tiering options/association entries*
- *Pending association interest Tier 2/3 Pods will be divided into Tier 2 and Tier 3*

**MD 1- OHF Pilot Group**

1. Halton
2. Oakville
3. Milton
4. Burlington 1
5. Flamborough
6. Guelph 1
7. Glancaster 1
8. Caledon 1
9. Orangeville 1
10. Woolwich
11. Centre Wellington 1
12. Hespeler
13. Brampton 1

**South/Central MD 2/3**

*(for reference only)*

1. Oakville 2
2. Burlington 2
3. Flamborough 2
4. Guelph 2
5. Milton 2
6. Halton 2
7. Centre Wellington 2
8. Brampton 2
9. Erin Hillsburgh
10. Oakville 3
11. Burlington 3
12. Guelph 3
13. Glancaster 3

**Key Notes:**

- *Regular Season consists of scheduled games within pods and exhibition games to permit program flexibility and increase opponent variety*
- *Associations are encouraged to ensure budgets for season include allowances for TCMHL POD scheduled games, exhibition games and additional events.*



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*Resources and Support Links*

**HOCKEY CANADA PLAYER PATHWAY - RESOURCES**

[U7 Player Pathway](#)

[U9 Player Pathway](#)

**ASPEN INSTITUTE – PROJECT PLAY**

[Sport for All, Play for Life: A Playbook to Get Every Kid in the Game](#)