



2018-2019 NOVICE III PROGRAM

Information Session for Birth Year Players

TO ALL INTERESTED PARENTS AND PLAYERS:

This year, Novice Tier III will look different than a traditional full ice program. Hockey Canada has mandated age groups under 8 years old to run modified ice programs. This is NEW for every association. The focus of these age groups will be development and fun, with emphasis on skill development.

Our goal is to maintain the advancement of skills and competitive nature of the SMHA program with players of similar skill level and desire to play a more advanced game. This Minor Development (MD) program will build for future years, particularly the transition in Minor Atom back to traditional full ice in the Alliance loop.

Some of the key takeaways for the upcoming 2018-2019 season are:

- We are hoping to carry two teams with 13 players each
- We are hoping to average 3 ice times a week including games
- Games start in December, and will average one a week
- The format will be modified ice games with 4 vs 4 skaters and goalies
- There will be no score kept in any games and no set positions
- This program will not play a "league style" environment
- The majority of ice will be in Stratford, local OMHA or local Alliance centres
- The coaching staff are working with other centres to arrange games
- Busing will not be offered for this program
- Per Hockey Canada, all players signed must have one parent "Respect In Sport for Hockey Canada Parents" compliant (online clinic, refer to SMHA website); players do not need to be compliant to tryout
- Registration for this program is anticipated to be \$625

We are hosting an information and interest session for parents:

April 21 10:30am at Allman Arena (Upper Lobby)

Please join us - everyone is welcome!

Please direct questions to: Jeff Molenhuis (jhmolenhuis@gmail.com)
Mark Price (price.mark9@gmail.com)
Bob Zimmer (bobzimmer3095@gmail.com)