



Memo for all U9 EFHL Participating Teams  
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## Important Memo to all U9 EFHL Teams and Associations

We are writing after the first 8 weeks of the season to update you on the progress of many changes made this season and some reminders of previous processes and changes. We want to thank all Coaches, Players, Parents, Officials and Volunteers who have done a wonderful job so far this season, your efforts and support of our Minor Hockey Associations is paramount to our success.

- **Electronic Game Sheets:** Great progress has been made with the U9 Electronic Game Sheet system. Almost 100 percent of games are being started with rosters updated and verified. We do need the home teams to ensure they are selected to complete the game in the game sheet app so that it is completed on the website. Keep up the great work!
- **Game Procedures:** Reminder that blue pucks and small nets are mandatory, and no scorekeeping during the games or recorded on the e-game sheets.
- **Board System Management:** It is the Home Team's responsibility to ensure the board systems are set up and in place prior to the start time of the game. For the first game of the day and the last game of the day where board systems need to be removed, we would encourage the home and visiting teams to work together for more efficiency.
- **Rough Play:** It has been reported that several games have had play where kids are being put at risk of injury due to roughness and infractions not being called by the officials overseeing the game. We would ask all coaches to ensure their players are aware of fair and sportsmanship when competing in EFHL games. We are also working with our officials and may look to implement a more stringent penalty system to curb this type of behaviour.
- **Exhibition Games:** We have been asked by several member associations to remind all teams that they are required to obtain a permit for any exhibition games from Hockey Alberta or their Association and those games need to be played in the U9 half ice environment, full ice game play is not permitted for the U9 category of play under Hockey Alberta rules and regulations.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to minor hockey, your continued cooperating and support are greatly appreciated!

Chris March, Commissioner EFHL