

GRANDE PRAIRIE MINOR HOCKEY

U11 Information 2021 - 2022

The only named position is goalie.

What levels of hockey are there?

Recreation hockey U11, Development = Competitive, Travelling, Tier 1 Highest level of U11 in Alberta - NAI League (www.nainterlock.com)

What is the difference between Intro to Recreation, Development and Tier 1?

Recreation

There will be one practice during the week and two ice times on the weekends.

Weeknight practices will always be the same night of the week, which we will not know until fall team selections are done.

Recreation teams cannot collect team fees or have bank accounts. All funds must flow through the GPMHA office.

Development teams will have tryouts and will travel on a regular basis with league and tournament play. (allpeacehockey.com)

Depending upon the budgets arrived at, there will be an additional registration fee and monthly team fees, as well as fundraising.

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One of the practices may be at 6:30 - 7:15 am.

These teams may have their own team bank accounts and collect monthly team fees.

Each team must provide a full financial statement to each parent and to the GPMHA Treasurer MONTHLY.

All fundraising initiatives must be approved by the GPMHA Treasurer.

Tier 1

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Why are there evaluations for Recreation teams?

We try to keep the skill level for each team as even as possible.

Why do I have to pay a tryout or an evaluation fee?

To pay for the ice and referees and other expenses involved in evaluations and tryouts.

Why do I have to pay an extra registration fee for a Development or Tier 1 team?

When calculating the registration fees, we have one base fee per division, which is what the Recreation players pay.

The extra registration fee covers the extra practice ice, socks, league fees, etc. for the Development and Tier 1 teams.

We registered in Recreation, can we switch to Development?

Yes upon paying the difference in the tryout fee, providing the change is made one week before evaluations start.

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EVALUATIONS AND TRY OUTS

All players must be registered for Tryouts or Evaluations one full week before the dates of Tryouts or Evaluations

Evaluation and Tryout Process

All players at the U11 level must pay a non refundable evaluation fee & indicate whether they want to be evaluated in the Tier 1 (highest level), Development (A, B, C) or the Recreational (equal teams) Levels.

We have three goals within our Evaluation system:

to have all players compete at their highest level, to offer more opportunities at the Development level and to have parity within all levels.

There will be separate evaluations for each of the Tier 1, Development, and Recreation divisions.

Tier 1

This will be the first U11 division to begin evaluations. We normally have 2 Tier 1 teams playing in the NAI League.

Once the evaluations/try outs are completed there will be equalization games to ensure both teams are equal.

Those players not chosen for these teams will automatically be placed in the Development division evaluations.

Development

Once the evaluations/try outs are **completed** and the player is advised of his/her placement, the only movement allowed will be as follows:

The player cannot move from A to B and displace an B level player, who would in turn displace a C level player etc.

The only option would be to move from Development to the equal teams in Recreation.

GPMHA will not necessarily have all of the A, B and C divisions, dependent upon registration and the skill level of those being evaluated.

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There will be a further two or three week post evaluation period before the Recreational teams are formally set,

to allow for movement to ensure the teams are of equal calibre.