



## Quikcard Edmonton Minor Hockey Week U9 Presentation Games

January 8 & 9, 2022  
Terwillegar Rec Centre  
Castle Downs Arena

### Overview

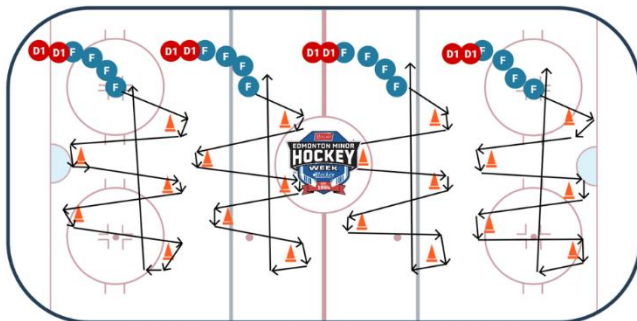
This year Hockey Edmonton and Quikcard welcome U9s into Quikcard Edmonton Minor Hockey Week with a twist on their usual smaller area games. We will have them play two shorter halves before breaking for some relay games before giving way to a special QEMHW pin presentation.

### The Logistics

The teams' usual one hour ice time will be split. Rather than play two 24-minute halves, the teams will play a shortened game with two 15-minute halves.

After the buzzer to end the game and as the players are getting a drink, the coaches will set up pylons they can get at the penalty box. The coaches will set up four similar relay courses with five pylons each, with the starting point being the face off dots, one in each zone and the two neutral zone dots.

You can see below how the pylons can be laid out on the ice.



Once you have the pylons laid out, line up the kids in the same teams they were just playing in. The coach can demonstrate how the first player starts at the face off dot and then goes around the pylons and, after circling the last pylon, comes back home in a straight line. Once that player crosses 'home', the next player can go. The player who has just gone can sit down so everyone knows they're done racing. However, in order to ensure every team on the ice has the same number of skaters in the relay race, some skaters from a team may have to go twice.

Every team needs to start at the same time so we can have a four-way relay race!

At the coaches' discretion and if time permits, the relay race can be repeated with a puck; the exact same race but this time the players are carrying a puck and then passing it off to the next player in line. If there is still plenty of time left, you could do the relay race skating backwards (without pucks!).

We need to save five minutes for the end of the game for a special Quikcard Edmonton Minor Hockey Week Pin Presentation. The coaches need to line the players up facing the crowd so parents can capture pictures from the stands or the bench. Volunteers will come out from the penalty box with pins to present to the players with the help of the coaches.

Once the players have been given their pins, please guide them off the ice (and help them pick up any pins they may drop!). Also, please ensure the pylons get back to the penalty box for the next group of teams.

Finally, please note, all U9 teams playing in QEMHW are automatically entered into a draw for tickets to an Edmonton Oil Kings or University of Alberta Golden Bears/Pandas game!

Thanks for all your help making these players' first Quikcard Edmonton Minor Hockey Week a great one as well as for everything else you do for them during the regular season!