



Dear Players and Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 U13 Male Hockey season! We are excited to kick off a new year of competition, development, and fun as part of the Lloydminster Minor Hockey Association (LMHA). This year, our U13 Male division consists of five teams competing in the Northeast Alberta Hockey League (NEAHL) across divisions A, B, C, D, and D1. These new division names have been adopted by Hockey Alberta to align with Hockey Canada's standards, and we look forward to navigating this fresh structure together.

### **A Huge Thank You**

We want to take a moment to thank all the incredible parents who volunteered their time at this past weekend's evaluations. Your help made the event run smoothly and efficiently, and it would not have been possible without your dedication.

A big thank you as well to our LMHA board members for stepping in whenever needed. Your commitment to the association and our young players is invaluable. Lastly, a special shoutout to Denise and Tracy in the office for their unwavering support and patience. I don't think any of us fully realize all that they handle behind the scenes – but we are truly grateful for everything they do.

### **What to Expect for the Remainder of the Evaluation Process**

1. **Confirmation Skate** – There will be a final confirmation skate for players still under consideration for the A and B teams. The exact time and the players involved will be communicated shortly.
2. **Final Team Announcements** – All final teams, including coaches and managers, will be announced within five days of the confirmation skate. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this process.

### **Coaches and Managers**

We currently have a **very short list of coaches and managers**, and once the teams are announced, we would love to hear from anyone interested in filling these important roles. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or manager, please reach out to me as soon as possible. Your involvement is crucial in making this season a success for our players!

## Moving Forward

After the final teams are announced, here are a few things to expect:

- **Coaches and Managers Meeting** – A mandatory meeting will be scheduled soon after the teams are finalized. During this meeting, we will cover important details for the season, including team management, scheduling, and league protocols. We will notify all appointed coaches and managers of the meeting details.
- **Practice Schedule** – The practice schedule for each team will be communicated once teams are finalized. We will work to ensure consistency and fair ice time for all teams. Please keep an eye on your email or the LMHA website for updates.
- **Additional Information** – Any further details about team expectations, tournaments, and league play will also be provided after teams are set.

Thank you again for your patience, enthusiasm, and dedication. We look forward to a great season of development and growth for our young athletes!

Sincerely,  
**Jordy Gerling**  
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