



SMHA/TMHA PILOT Project 2024-2025 Season



## REGISTRATION

- Registration opens online Friday May 31st, 2024 at <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/434728>
- If you encounter any issues with online registration, please email [registrar.smha@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.smha@gmail.com)
- SMHA runs **OPTIONAL** pre-season conditioning camps (U-9 to U-18) and hitting camps (U-13 and U-15). Players can register for these camps through the registration platform indicated above. Goaltenders are free for the camps but must still select the N/C camp at registration checkout. *(Subject to availability)*  
Conditioning camps are scheduled for both rep tryout participants (earlier offering) and community hockey participants (later offering) so players are placed in groups based on their evaluation schedule.
- There is a tryout fee for all rep teams in Strathcona; U-11 AA, U-11 Tier 1, U-13 AA, U-13 Tier 1, U-15 AA, U-15 Tier 1, U-16 AA, U-18 AA and U-18 Tier 1. This is optional and if not selected, players will be automatically placed into the community hockey evaluations (EFHL Tiers 2-6). Goaltenders must also select the tryout fee if they wish to be evaluated for those teams.
- There are options at the body checking levels of hockey to select either Tier 1-3 body checking or Tier 1-3 non body checking. Please ensure you select the appropriate evaluation group. Players are not guaranteed to be placed on body checking teams and are subject to overall registration numbers and the Hockey Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid.
- SMHA offers Recreation Hockey for players U-15 and older. No practices or body checking, just a fun 20-game season. Excellent option for multi-sport athletes. Select RECREATION Hockey to participate in this program.
- Fee payment options include 1) Online credit card payment in full, 2) online credit card installment plans, 3) E-transfer, 4) Cheques payable to SMHA. Fees must be paid in full by September 30, 2024,

unless utilizing the online credit card installment plan. Optional camp fees must be paid prior to attending.

- If your player is trying out for AAA at U-15, U-17 or U-18 with SPKAC, you can still register with SMHA online but do not make payment unless you are released or are participating in one of the SMHA optional camps.

## **LEAGUES & GAME PLAY**

SMHA participates in four different leagues. The U-13 AA, U-15 AA, U-16 AA and U-18 AA teams have historically played in the [Northern Alberta Hockey League](#) (NAHL). The U-11 AA team in the [Edmonton Federation Hockey League](#) (EFHL). The Junior B Bruins play in the [Capital Junior Hockey League](#) (CJHL) and the Junior C Warriors play in the [Noralta Junior C Hockey League](#).

For 2024-25, the NAHL teams are being moved to the [Alberta Elite Hockey League](#) (AEHL) and the U-11 AA team will also be in a new league, details still to be confirmed.

Our U-9 to U-18 Tiers 1-6 teams and U-15, U-18 and U-21 Recreation Hockey teams participate in the EFHL.

Discovery and U-7 Major & Minor Teams play a series of inter-association games (coordinated by SMHA) and exhibition games outside of a formal league structure.

Details on the season format for our EFHL teams, number of games, game lengths etc. can be found here: <https://www.efhlhockey.com/content/efhl-2024-2025-standards-of-play>

## **PLAYER & GOALTENDER DEVELOPMENT**

SMHA has a robust development program for both players and goaltenders that is offered for all athletes on a sign-up basis. There is no additional cost to attend. An example of program offerings include:

- Monday night Goaltender training at Strathcona Olympiette Centre with Above the Crease Goaltending
- Power Skating with Melanie Winkel and Smiths Skating

- Stick Handling & Dexterity Training with Dangler Hockey
- Shooting and Scoring Specialty Clinics with our Technical Director Sean Brown
- Edge work training with Edge Boss and Power Edge Pro (PEP)
- Breakfast Club Development; Checking Skills, Defense Camps, Deflections & Close Proximity Scoring, Passing & Puck Handling, Shooting Clinics etc.

**IMPORTANT DATES for 2024-2025** *(Subject to Change)*

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:** U-13 Rep Conditioning Camp starts

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** U-13 & U-15 Hitting Camp start

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** U-11 Rep Conditioning Camp starts

**August 24<sup>th</sup>:** U-15 Rep Conditioning camp starts, U-9 Conditioning Camp starts, U-13 Rep Evaluations start

**August 28<sup>th</sup>:** U-11 Rep Evaluations start

**August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Labor Day Long Weekend ***NO ICE***

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** U-15 Rep Evaluations start

**September 4<sup>th</sup>:** U-13 House Conditioning Camp start

**September 6<sup>th</sup>:** Tentative U-13 AA IceBreaker Tournament start

**September 7<sup>th</sup>:** U-9 Evaluations start, U-11 House Conditioning Camp start

**September 8<sup>th</sup>:** U-15 House Conditioning Camp start, U-18 Conditioning Camp start

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** U-15 AA IceBreaker Tournament start

**September 11<sup>th</sup>:** U-13 House Evaluations start

**September 14<sup>th</sup>:** U-11 House Evaluations start

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** U-15 House Evaluations start, Discovery/U-7 welcome skates

**September 16<sup>th</sup>:** U-16/U-18 Rep Evaluations start

**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** U-18 AA IceBreaker Tournament start, U-18 House Evaluations start

**September 24<sup>th</sup>:** U-16 AA IceBreaker Tournament start

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** AEHL Regular Season start

**October 5<sup>th</sup>:** EFHL Regular Season start for U-9, U-11 and U-13

**October 12<sup>th</sup>:** EFHL Regular Season start for U-15 and U-18

**October 28<sup>th</sup>-November 8<sup>th</sup>:** EFHL Tiering Break for U-9, U-11 and U-13

**November 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** EFHL Tiering Break for U-15 and U-18

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>:** Strathcona Classic Tournament

**January 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** Edmonton QuikCard Minor Hockey Week for EFHL teams

**February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>:** EFHL Playoffs

**March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>:** SMHA U-7 Year End Festival

**March/April 2025:** Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships *TBA*



Is Tofield Minor Hockey no longer an active minor hockey association?

TMHA will continue with an elected Executive and conduct regular meetings. In addition, TMHA Executive will attend the SMHA Board Meetings to provide feedback and insight.

Do I register my player with Tofield or Strathcona for this coming season?

You register with Strathcona Minor Hockey at [smhahockey.com](http://smhahockey.com)

Will all Tofield players be placed on teams together?

At U-9 and older, registrants will be placed on teams based on their evaluations with players of similar skill. SMHA fields teams at all tiers in all divisions of play. At Discovery and U-7 there will be effort to place all Tofield players on one team with Tofield Arena as their primary practice facility.

Who completes the evaluations for Strathcona Minor Hockey?

Our teams are coach picked at AA and Tier 1. For all other teams, we hire independent evaluators to complete evaluations. Our evaluation policy can be found at <https://www.smhahockey.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1743/2023/08/2023-24-SMHA-Evaluation-Policy-.pdf>

Why did I have to indicate that we are Tofield Minor Hockey members in registration?

We are using this information to try and place Tofield players together on teams when they evaluate at the same tier. There are divisions of play where we have multiple teams within one tier. We will make effort to place Tofield players together when possible.

Will teams have ice at the Tofield Arena?

Yes there will be both practices and games scheduled at the Tofield Arena as well as our other primary use facilities of Ardrossan Recreation Complex, Strathcona Olympiette Centre, Moyer Recreation Centre and Broadmoor Arena.

Can we make friend requests or ask for siblings to play together?

Friend requests are only accepted at Discovery and U-7 due to tiering restraints. Siblings at the same age division can be considered but no upward movement permitted. Underage movement can be requested but applicants should review our underage policy at [smhahockey.com](http://smhahockey.com) Overage movement must be approved by Hockey Alberta. Contact your [Division Director](#) if you require additional information.

Will teams be using Tofield or Strathcona jerseys?

Teams will wear Strathcona jerseys and socks, both of which are provided.

Will Tofield referees continue to be assigned games?

Yes the Strathcona County Referees Association will work collaboratively with the Tofield Referee in Chief and allocator.

Will Tofield players have to pay more than SMHA players for registration?

Fees will be the same for all registrants for the 2024-25 season regardless of which minor hockey association they belong to.

How do camp, evaluation and general communications come to us from SMHA?

Level Directors will communicate via Team Snap and email your upcoming ice times for evaluations as well as post the information on our website. Sometimes there are quick turnarounds during the busy evaluation period so be sure to check the website (don't forget to refresh the page) often. General communication will also come on email via Team Snap and posted on our social media (Facebook, Instagram and X). Once placed on a team, Team Managers most often use the Team Snap portal to send out communications.

Will Tofield players continue to play in Strathcona Minor Hockey after this season?

An end-of-year evaluation will be conducted by both SMHA and TMHA, with feedback gathered from players, parents, and coaches to assess the pilot project and make recommendations for future seasons.

Will Tofield coaches be eligible to coach on Strathcona Teams?

Absolutely! Coach applications for all Tiered Hockey teams will open within the next week and interested coaches can submit their applications here: <https://www.smhahockey.com/coaching-application/>

What should I do if I want to register somewhere other than Strathcona Minor Hockey?

Contact the Tofield Minor Hockey President to inquire on the process.