



Thank you to the parents who completed the U9 Parent Survey; your feedback and insight is greatly appreciated as we move forward with our U9 season for the 2024/2025 season.

Due to feedback received from parents of U9 players regarding the 2023/2024 season, MWF asked for further thoughts on the upcoming season to determine what approach families would prefer:

- A. Continue with our current structure of U9 Development and Intermediate Teams, providing opportunities for our Development Teams to play games locally and encouraging our Intermediate Teams to travel across the province. There will be jamborees across the province and the option to participate in SEDMHA. Players would be assessed through evaluations and teams would be set for the season.
- B. Mirror the former model of balanced teams, playing teams from across Metro West Force and Metro East Inferno on a regular basis (we expect this will be 5+ teams). Individual teams could set up exhibition games with other U9 teams in the province but travel outside of HRM would not be required. There will be jamborees across the province and the option to participate in SEDMHA. Players would be assessed through balancing sessions to set up the teams for the season.

We asked all parents of players going into U9 for the upcoming season via email to complete the survey by the end of the day on August 1st. We appreciate all responses and comments. The outcome was 56% of those parents who participated voted to maintain the current structure of having U9 Development and Intermediate Teams.

We can confirm that our U9 registration is now open and MWF will host U9 Development and Intermediate Teams.

U9 Evaluations

An evaluation process will be conducted to assess players to determine skill level and assist with the creation of teams during the weekend of October 5th and 6th, 2024. Further information regarding our evaluation process will be shared later in August.

We will work with the other Female Hockey Associations to organize scrimmages when permitted and individual teams can determine what travel they wish to incorporate into their season plans. MWF will also look to host a jamboree for Development teams again.

Thank you to Tyler Scott for offering to be our U9 Coordinator once again this season! Tyler can be reached at U9@metrowestforce.com.