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DATE: January 16, 2023
 TO: The Presidents
 PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues
 FROM: James Rae
 PCAHA President
 SUBJECT: U9 Transition to Full Ice

Some questions have come forward to P.C.A.H.A. regarding the use of the full ice format for games and Referee development at U9.

Please note that in keeping with the Player Pathway for U9, the following Seasonal Structure is noted below:

September - December - ALL league, exhibition and tournament/jamboree games **MUST** be played using the cross-ice or half-ice format.

January - March - Use January as a development month, helping transition kids to full ice. The Player Pathway allows for a full-ice game schedule beginning January 15 or later for a max. of six (6) weeks. Therefore, working back from the season end in March, full-ice games can be facilitated starting on **January 27th**. Prior to that date, teams should focus on full ice practice sessions as per the Player Pathway.

U9 Seasonal Structure - TRANSITION TO FULL-ICE PLAY

PHASE	Prep/Evaluation Phase & Development Phase	Regular Season Phase	End-of-Season Phase
DURATION	Up to 12 WEEKS prior to the start of the Regular Season phase	Up to 14 WEEKS after the completion of the Development phase	Up to 6 WEEKS after the conclusion of the Regular Season phase
ICE SET-UP	HALF-ICE GAMES	HALF-ICE GAMES	MAY PROGRESS TO FULL-ICE
BALANCE	45% OF THE SEASON	45% OF THE SEASON	10% OF THE SEASON
VOLUME	UP TO 12 WEEKS	UP TO 14 WEEKS	UP TO 6 WEEKS
PRACTICES	14 PRACTICE SESSIONS	34 PRACTICE SESSIONS	7 PRACTICE SESSIONS
GAMES	UP TO 6 GAMES	UP TO 22 GAMES	UP TO 12 GAMES
JAMBOREE/ TOURNAMENTS	1 JAMBOREE	1 JAMBOREE/TOURNAMENT	1 JAMBOREE/TOURNAMENT

This information can be found on the BC Hockey website:

[Under-9 Hockey | Seasonal Structure & Annual Calendar \(hockeycanada.ca\)](http://hockeycanada.ca)

Please ensure that your teams are aware of this mandate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc Executive Committee
League Managers
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