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Appendix B: U9 Seasonal Calendar

Applies to all categories of U9 except for MD or Select teams (highest tier within the Member)

2026-27 Under-9 Seasonal Calendar

Non-Team Development Non-Team Development Opportunities are part of the season with your registered Association. If your Association/Member operates non-team development opportunities, you must participate with your Association/Member. If your Association/Member does not operate non team development opportunities, you may register with any other Association/Member.

Under-9 Fall Player Evaluation Seasonal Calendar

Preparation Phase

AKA – non-Team Development Opportunities.

Start: may begin September 8

Requirements: Minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association (or group of MHAs) or Member to all Players. Players are not required to attend the preparation skates; attendance does not impact eligibility to attend Player Evaluations.

Player Evaluations

Start: may begin September 12

Requirements: U9 hockey player evaluations provide a fair and consistent assessment of each player's skills during skating sessions and on-ice games, with scrimmages played in a **half-ice** format to better observe skill, decision-making, and engagement. The goal is to create balanced, competitive teams where players can develop, participate equitably, and enjoy the game.



Development Phase

May Start: September 19

End: October 31

Requirement: U9 programming must maintain a minimum 2:1 practice-to-game ratio

Teams may only practice and play a maximum of Four (4) **Half-Ice** Exhibition games or Two (2) **Half -Ice** Exhibition games and one (1) **Half-ice** tournament.

Tournaments

Tournaments for all Divisions and Categories of U9 permitted to start **October 23, 2026**.

Regular Season

The Regular Season for all Divisions and Categories permitted to start **November 1, 2026**.

Transition to Full-Ice

Associations **may** elect to transition to full-ice programming as of **December 26, 2026**.

Preparation Phase & Player Evaluation Resources: On-Ice

Hockey Canada has provided on-ice practice plans to support Associations in facilitating the Preparation Phase and Player Evaluations.

PREPARATION PHASE RESOURCES

[Under-9 Preparation Practice Plans](#)

PLAYER EVALUATION RESOURCES

[Under-9 Player Evaluation Practice Plans](#)