

Memorandum of Understanding: 2025 – 2026 Player Share Agreement

Parties Involved:

Millet Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) and Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association (WMHA)

This agreement applies only to the 2025/2026 hockey season.

Player Registration:

1. U7:

- MMHA will continue to run their U7 program as they have in the past, following Hockey Alberta zoning. They will also host a U7 tournament at Millet Arena on an agreed-upon date.
- WMHA will run their U7 program as usual, also following Hockey Alberta zoning. Their U7 tournament will be held in Wetaskiwin as part of the combined U7/U9 tournament (date to be decided).

2. U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18:

- Players will register with the association (MMHA or WMHA) they played for during the previous year. (unless otherwise directed by either association)
- Once registration is complete, all these players will be transferred from MMHA to the WMHA Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). This process helps ensure teams have the proper options for affiliation if injuries or illness occur.
- The MMHA and WMHA Treasurers will meet quarterly to review the budgets and manage financial costs together.

Coaching Selection:

- Coaching applications will be open starting July 1st and can be submitted through the WMHA website.
- Coaching interviews will be held later in July and into early August, depending on summer vacation schedules. All interviews will be conducted in person.
- The Selection Committee will choose the Head Coach for the top tier team, from U9 through U18, no later than August 15th.
- The Coaching Selection Committee will include representatives from WMHA bylaws and will include the following from MMHA: Vice President, Division Coordinator and Player Coach Development person.
- After the top tier team is chosen at tryouts, the Selection Committee will select the Head Coach for the second-tier team.
- Each Head Coach will have the option to choose their own Team officials (assistant coaches, managers & etc.), if they have the necessary credentials.

Tryouts:

All age groups under the Player Share Agreement (U9 and up) will be divided into tiers based on tryout performance.

- Tryouts for U11 through U18 are scheduled to begin the weekend of September 13th (subject to change).
- U9 tryouts are scheduled to start September 20th (subject to change).
- U11 will have mandatory pre-skate sessions before the end of August to help players understand 5-on-5, full-ice hockey. Additional details will be sent to all participants.
- Tryouts will follow WMHA's tryout policy.
- The evaluators will not be given the players' names or home hockey association information. Instead, they will receive a list of jersey numbers to use when recording their evaluation scores.

Kids will be evaluated based on their abilities, and teams will be selected fairly.

The Tryout Committee will include the Head Coach (as chosen above) and the following members:

- For WMHA: as per WMHA Bylaws
- For MMHA: as per MMHA Bylaws

*WMHA is planning to organize pre-tryout skating sessions for each category during the week before tryouts begin. We aim to keep these sessions affordable so all members can participate.

Accelerated Player Policy:

Any requests for underage players from WMHA or MMHA must follow the WMHA Accelerated Player Policy.

Underage players are required to comply with this policy.

Ice Time:

- Each team will have the opportunity for two ice times. The first session is included in registration fees. If teams want a second practice, the cost must be covered using Team Funds, which can come from tournament profits, sponsorships, or additional team contributions if needed.
- The Coaching Selection Committee is working hard this year to find coaches who are committed to holding two practices per week for each team.

Practice dates and locations will be confirmed later. We will work to have a balance of teams who use Wetaskiwin and Millet to meet requirements.

Tournaments:

Teams participating under the Player Share Agreement will follow WMHA guidelines.

- Profits from each tournament will be shared, with 80% going back to the teams participating in the tournament (divided among the number of WMHA teams in that event), and the remaining 20% going to WMHA to cover operational costs.
- We aim to host tournaments at the Wetaskiwin arena, which will allow the Millet Arena to be used for regular home games on tournament weekends.
- Some tournaments may require games to be played at both Wetaskiwin and Millet due to limited ice availability. This will be decided at a later date.

Team Funds:

Each team under the Player Share Agreement will operate according to WMHA policy.

- Profits from home tournaments will be distributed as previously outlined.
- Teams can choose to fundraise or seek sponsorships for additional funds.(following guidelines set by WMHA)
- These funds are intended to be used for hockey-related purposes, such as entry fees for away tournaments, second ice sessions, and skill development coaches.

Player Development:

- Each team will receive up to \$600.
- The Coaching staff will decide which Player Development Coach to bring in (power skating, stickhandling, shooting, etc.)

Volunteer Commitment Fees:

Parents are required to fulfill their volunteer commitment with the association their child is registered with for the 2024/2025 season:

- MMHA parents will participate in the 12 Days of Christmas Volunteer Commitment.
- WMHA parents will participate in the Meat Raffle Volunteer Commitment.
- Division Coordinators from both associations will work together to ensure all association's requirements are met.

Division Coordinators:


- Both MMHA and WMHA have elected Coordinators.
- Once teams are organized for each age group, Coordinators will be assigned to specific teams to involvement from both associations.

Discipline Procedures:

The WMHA bylaws will be adhered to.

- The Vice President – Discipline & Risk Management from WMHA will oversee any issues that are raised.
- He will then present the information to a committee composed of:
 - o up to 5 WMHA Board Members
 - o up to 3 MMHA Board Member
 - o 3 or 4 Committee Members who are not board members of either WMHA or MMHA.
- All disciplinary matters will be addressed consistently, regardless of whether the member is from WMHA or MMHA, including players involved in the Player Share Agreement.

By signing this Agreement, we commit to following the established guidelines. The representatives below are signing on behalf of their respective associations and elected board members.

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Dan Dickau

President, Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Associati...

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Stephen Mardy

President, Millet Minor Hockey Association