



2021/2021 U8 Program Update, Prep Phase Clinics & Evaluations

What's Happening?

Our Registration for the 2021/2022 prep skates and evaluations are now posted. Please ensure you register for evaluations and prep skates using our website to secure your space. We will do our best to accommodate all registrations but may be required to implement caps to maintain facility capacity protocols.

What is the U8 MD Program?

The U8 MD level program is offered to those players who wish to play a competitive level of hockey. The program will follow the Hockey Canada Pathway for competitive programming and will provide U8 aged players the opportunity to participate in a tiered travel team for the 2021/2022 season focused on advanced development.

Travel "Pods" will be organized by our Tri-County league and teams will be grouped by like tier to establish game loops. Initially, Pods will be established using the 2019/2020 POD groupings and adjustments will be made once players levels/tiering needs are assessed.

The advanced development program will consist of additional practices and games over and above our recreational program. Additionally teams will have the opportunity to register in U8MD jamborees and festivals as per the U9 and below pathway. All programming at U8 is half ice as per Hockey Canada Pathway.

Additional team fees for this program will be communicated at Evaluation Skates and are over and above the base registration costs. Jerseys have been provided for season use by **Scotiabank**.

What are Prep Skates?

As part of the U9 and below program Hockey Canada Pathway mandates that four practice/skills sessions are required **prior to any** evaluations for **both** the competitive and recreational tiers. Players are grouped by like skill on the ice and provided an opportunity to get back in their blades in advance of their season ahead.

Sessions are focused on skills, skating, agility, balance, puck control small area games and getting back to hockey. These skates are **NOT** evaluations and players will not be graded during these sessions.

These sessions are required for our organization to offer but optional for players to attend. We recommend all players consider attending to optimize the program goals outlined by Hockey Canada. You can read more about the player pathways on the [OMHA website](#).

Session Details:

- 4 prep skates per player for \$40.00:
 - *To ensure we can plan for facility capacities sessions can't be purchased individually;*
 - *Sessions will be run by OMH coaches and interested coaching leads for the age group;*
 - *Players will register based on first come first serve basis.*

When and Where are our Sessions? We have planned two sessions please note depending on interest we may move all players into one group if two sessions are not required.

U8 Group A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept 25 10:00 am @ Tony Rose A Rink• Sept 26 9:00am @ Tony Rose Rink A• Sept 29 5:00pm @ Alder Red• Oct 1 7:00pm @ Alder Red	U8 Group B: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept 25 11:00 am @ Tony Rose A Rink• Sept 26 10:00 am @ Tony Rose A Rink• Sept 29 6:00pm @ Alder Red• Oct 1 6:00pm @ Alder Red
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U8 MD Evaluation Skates:

All players interested in the U8 MD competitive program are required to attend the U8 MD evaluation skates. These skates are a separate registration from the prep skates and are offered at a cost of **\$20** for **3** evaluations.

Players will be evaluated and those who meet the top graded portion of the group will be invited to participate in the U8 MD team this season, remaining players will join our recreational programming and continue to participate in the U8 non-travel development teams.

Evaluation Skate Dates:

1. Oct 2 10:00 am @ Alder Red
2. Oct 3 10:00am @ Alder Red
3. Oct 6 6:00pm @ Alder Red

What if I only want to register for recreational programming?

Players **not interested** in competitive programming at the MD Travel Tier level are **not** required to register for the U8 MD Evaluation Sessions as your grading will be completed once our House League programming commences.

Where do I register and how do I pay?

Please visit our website and register your player directly on our Orangeville Minor Hockey Website. The form submission will include payment and registration instructions. Prior to your first session you will receive confirmation email for your session and facility protocols.

Thank you for your patience in getting these posted and planned we can't wait to see your players on the ice enjoying the game.

If you have additional questions, please contact *Michelle Bridges VP Rep* at vprep1725@gmail.com or *Brad Galka VP House League* vphouseleague@orangevilleminorhockey.com

