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Rustler Families,

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the summer. With six weeks remaining until RMMHA Training Camp begins, formerly Evaluations, we wanted to get some important details regarding the first weeks of the season out to the families.

First off we want to convey our reasoning for changing from Evaluations to Training Camp. Evaluations for minor hockey always create nerves and tension at the start of the season. We want to change that. By incorporating a training camp approach, RMMHA strives to provide a structure that will allow all athletes a gradual integration into the competitiveness that happens during team selections. We believe that this fosters the best environment for each athlete to succeed no matter what level they are.

Attendance for Training Camp is mandatory for all ice times unless your athlete is participating in an BC Zone or Junior Tryout and have followed the provisional registration process. Injured athletes are required to communicate with their Division Manager and provide a doctor's note detailing the athlete's return to play plan. Absences for any other reason are assessed on a case by case basis and will need pre-approval from the VP of 'A' and General Manager.

We have approximately 400 athletes from U18-U11 participating in training camp this year. To put that in perspective each division will have approximately 15 skaters and 2 goalies for an A1 team. With that in mind you should prepare yourself and your athlete that there is a likely possibility they will be reassigned at some point during training camp. Implementing a transparent process for those 400 athletes requires a lot of work and planning from the Board of Directors, volunteers and paid staff. We ask that you communicate with your division manager first if you have any questions or concerns. Your Division Manager can direct any questions that they cannot answer to the appropriate person. Division Managers will not be responding to inquiries until August 15th, 2022. In the meantime, please contact our VP of 'A' or the General Manager (general.manager@ridgemeanowshockey.com or vp-a@ridgemeanowshockey.com) via email.

Training Camp is broken down into three phases:

Phase One - Three practices run by paid RMMHA coaches or RMMHA development staff. Each practice will have the same practice plan. RMMHA has decided to not use the combine as part of the training camp process. After phase one RMMHA will assign athletes to teams for the upcoming scrimmages to ensure competitive balance. There will be no reassignments to 'C' hockey during this phase.

Phase Two - Will consist of two scrimmages. After two scrimmages athlete reassignments will take place. Movement to the 'C' Program will occur. Athletes will then have two more scrimmages where player movement will occur again.

Phase Three - All athletes remaining will be playing 'A' hockey. Teams will be formed but not finalized. Coaches will be making final decisions during this phase and teams will be finalized at the end of the phase.

Important Dates for Training Camp 2022 (U18-U13):

August 24th: Mandatory 'A' Parent Meeting. Albion Community Center. More details to follow.

August 26-28th: U18-U13 Phase One Practices

August 29th: U18-U13 Rosters rebalanced for Scrimmages (Scrimmage rosters posted on the webpage)

August 30-September 1st: U18-U13 Phase two Scrimmages

September 2nd: U18-U13 Athlete reassignments via email.

There will be no ice times scheduled September 2nd-5th.

September 6-9th: U18-U13 Phase Two Continues.

September 10th: U18-U13 Athlete Reassignments into A1/2/3/4/5 groups (A3/4/5 if necessary by division)

September 11-16: U18-U13 Phase Three. Exhibition games will occur. Final decisions made by coaching staff with face to face exit interviews.

Important Dates for U11 Training Camp:

August 24th: Mandatory 'A' Parent Meeting. Albion Community Center. More details to follow.

September 6-9th: Phase One Practices (no evaluators).

September 10-11th: Phase Two scrimmages . Athlete reassignments via email at the end of the phase.

September 12-15: Phase Two continued. Athlete reassignments via email at the end of the phase.

September 16-18 Phase Three exhibition games will occur. Final decisions made by coaching staff with face to face exit interviews.

Important Links:

'A' Program Page - will be live once the schedule is finalized.

'A' Coaches - [click here](#)

'A' Division Managers' emails - [click here](#)

RMMHA's goal is to provide a positive development experience for each athlete. This season RMMHA will assess during Training Camp the viability of an A3/4/5 team for each division based on registration numbers for each position (forward, defense, and goalies) and the skill level of those athletes who would be on an A3/4/5 team.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you at Training Camp.