



# St. James Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association

## Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget Boys (9-17) Program Information

*Program information subject to change. Updated June 28, 2019*

### Dates, Times and Locations

- Registration opens early August before the commencement of the season
- Season runs September to March
- Usually one game per week, mostly on weekends
- 2-3 practices per week, mostly on week nights
- Most teams register for 2-4 weekend tournaments
- Games take place at variable times at various arenas around Winnipeg
- Practices usually take place at arenas within St. James
- Approximately 60 -70 total ice times during the season



### Costs

- Registration Fees: \$550-650 paid in August (see annual registration fees document)
- Team Fees: Approximately \$300-500 paid once teams formed. Team fees vary depending on number of extra practice ice times, tournaments, team apparel etc.
- Some teams choose to fundraise to reduce team fees

### Program

- Follows Hockey Canada Long Term Player Development Model
- Emphasizes skill development (balance and agility, skating, puck control, passing, shooting)
- Coaches are parent volunteers who must undergo Hockey Manitoba and Respect in Sport training
- Parent volunteers are also needed as managers, safety rep., tournament organizers, tournament staff

### Stages of Season

#### *Early September - Evaluations (Tryouts)*

- Hockey Winnipeg rules require all players to compete in an association-wide tryout process at the Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget age groups (ages 9-17). At each age group, players will be pooled together from all SJAMHA community centres to create teams at different levels (A1, A2, A3)
- Players are evaluated by outside evaluators during 2-4 evaluation skates
- After evaluations, players are placed at the A1, A2 or A3 level

#### *Mid-September - Team Formation*

- Directors of the community centres of the SJAMHA meet to determine how many teams there will be at each age group and which community centre will host each team. This decision is based on rules set by Hockey Winnipeg and by the number of children registered at each age group within the SJAMHA.
- Coaches are selected for each of the SJAMHA teams
- After evaluations, coaches at each level draft their teams consisting of 12-15 skaters and 1-2 goalies
- All SJAMHA teams ages 9-17 are called the Canucks, regardless of the host community club

- While you register your child as a member of a home community centre, they could end up playing on a team hosted by another community centre within the SJAMHA

#### *October - February - Regular Season*

- Games - Full-ice, 5 on 5, score is kept, referees manage game. Usually one game per week, mostly on weekends
- Practices - 2-3 practices per week, on weekends and week nights
- Tournaments - Most teams register for 2-4 indoor/outdoor tournaments, each consisting of 3-4 games

#### *March - Playoffs*

- All teams make the playoffs, and play until they are eliminated
- Season is usually complete before the end of March

### **Age Group Specifics**

#### *Atom (U9-10)*

- Players divided into Minor Atom (U9) and Atom (U10) age groups

#### *Peewee (U11-12)*

- Players can choose to try out for AA Canadians

#### *Bantam (U13-14)*

- Players can choose to try out for AA Canadians and AAA teams.
- Body checking at A1, AA and AAA. No body checking at the A2 and A3 levels

#### *Midget (U15-17)*

- Players can choose to try out for AA Canadians and AAA teams
- Body checking at A1, AA and AAA. No body checking at the A2 and A3 levels