

WVMHA - DEVELOPMENT REPORT (2023-2024)

Western Valley Minor Hockey Association offered three development programs this year: U7/U9 Skating Development, Wildcat Wednesdays F/D Skills Development, and Free Goalie Development. At the end of these three programs, the WVMHA Development Coordinator sent out surveys to parents for their feedback. Additionally, we also ran the regular Pre-Eval Skates in September. WVMHA did not run these programs for profit and as a whole, our Development did not break even, we ended up being slightly in the red at the end of the season. As a result of this and other factors, prices for the programs may increase slightly next year.

U7/U9 Skating Development

Originally, this program was offered as a U7 Skating Development and a U9 Skating and Full-ice Development Program. Unfortunately, we did not have the required number of registrants to run this program in the two groups. Because of this, we had to combine it into the U7/U9 Skating Development program which was run. This program had 28 registrants and focused on developing the fundamentals of skating. This program was well attended and results from the program survey indicated that the program was successful.

Wildcat Wednesdays F/D Skills Development

WVMHA partnered with the Valley Jr A Wildcats to run this program and it was extremely successful. We had 30 Forwards and 23 Defense from U11, U13, and U15 registered for this program and the feedback received from our surveys was overwhelmingly positive. WVMHA looks forward to continuing our partnership with the Valley Jr A Wildcats and plan to re-offer this program again next season.

Free Goalie Development

WVMHA partnered with 10-D Goaltending again for this season and ran the program the same as previous years. Results from the survey indicated issues with the times these sessions were offered. WVMHA has heard this feedback and is looking into all possible options in hopes of maximizing the availability of goalie development to our goaltenders. WVMHA is excited to continue our partnership with 10-D Goaltending as the feedback and results regarding their approach and instruction continue to be extremely positive.

Pre-Eval Skates

The intent of this program was to offer ice time to any WVMHA players wanting to get on the ice before evaluations. It was offered to U9, U11, U13, and U15 aged players and goalies and was well attended. We will be re-offering this program again next season, but we will be renaming it as some registrants thought the "Pre-Eval" skates were a part of the tryouts. We hope this will avoid any future confusion going forward as this program is not related to tryouts.

- WVMHA Development Coordinator