

## **SEERA: U13 Tier 1 Program Information Sheet**

This document contains information on the SEERA, U13 Tier 1 Program for the 2024/2025 season.

Note the information herein may be subject to change.

### **Who is SEERA?**

SEERA is the governing body for all minor hockey for South East Edmonton. It is made up of two feeder organizations, Millwoods Hockey Association (“MWH”) and North Seera Hockey Association (“NSHA”).

For the U13 Tier 1 level, select players from MWH and NSHA merge to form one team under SEERA. This is done to ensure we field the strongest possible team for the U13 Tier 1 program.

### **What does the U13 Tier 1 Program offer?**

Playing for the SEERA means your child will play on a team that offers high quality coaching, a competitive team atmosphere, additional development from third party organizations (generally 1h skills session per week), additional ice times (practices and tournaments) and longer game slots (1 1/4h).

In general, parents can expect their child to have a hockey related activity 4-6 times per week, though this may vary per coaches discretion (and in consultation with parents).

### **Head Coach Selection**

The Head Coach for the U13 SEERA Tier 1 team will be a parent coach.

The Head Coach will be selected based on their coaching experience, playing experience, overall feedback from each feeder organization and the likelihood their child will make the team. The Head Coach will be responsible for selecting their coaching staff.

Final selection will be made by the SEERA U11/U13 Director(s) in consultation with both feeder organizations and will be subject to roster finalization.

Should you wish to be the Head Coach, please email the Directors (emails below) for information on requirements. The head coach selection will be made in September.

## Evaluations

There is a \$100 cost for players to evaluate for the SEERA U13 Tier 1 team.

Evaluations for the SEERA U13 Tier 1 team are open to the following players:

- 2012 born players who played AA or Tiers 1 to 4 for the 2023/2024 season;
- 2013 born players who played U11 HADP or Tiers 1-2 for the 2023/2024 season;
- 2012 and 2013 born players who played HSL for the 2023/2024 season; or,
- with permission from the SEERA U11/U13 Director(s).

Players are not automatically registered for SEERA U13 Tier 1 evaluations. They must “opt in” by registering with SEERA on or before August 15th. Players are required to first register with their usual feeder organization (MWHHA or NSHA). A link to the SEERA U13 Tier 1 sign up page will be made available April 24th.

Players must specify which position(s) they wish to evaluate for. For players that list multiple positions, they will be told which position for which they made the team and will be expected to play that position for the remainder of the season.

Evaluations will be completed by a third-party company, in coordination with the SEERA U13 Tier 1 coaching staff and Directors.

There is no minimum number of players that must be selected from either feeder organizations.

Evaluations are expected to start in mid-early September and conclude by the third week of September to allow for players to return to their home organization, should they not make the SEERA U13 Tier 1 team. Players that do not make the SEERA U13 Tier 1 team will automatically return to their feeder organization and into their evaluation process.

Players are permitted to withdraw from the SEERA U13 Tier 1 evaluations at any point prior to the commencement of the second game evaluation.

Due to player insurance reasons, players registered for SEERA U13 Tier 1 evaluations are not permitted to skate in MWHHA or NSHA evaluations until they have been released or withdrawn from the SEERA U13 Tier 1 program.

Further details about the evaluations, including ice times and locations, will be provided later in the summer once registration has closed.

## **Roster Construction**

The Head Coach will have final say over roster construction to account for positional and tactical requirements using the rankings provided by the third party evaluators and in consultation with the Director(s).

## **Camps, Shinny and Pre-Skates**

Players registered for **SEERA** U13 Tier 1 evaluations are permitted, and encouraged, to participate in the MWAH and NSHA camps, pre-skates and shinny sessions that take place in advance of the **SEERA** U13 Tier 1 evaluations. SEERA will not be offering any ice times in advance of evaluations.

## **Fees**

The total base registration amount required to play for the SEERA U13 team is \$725. In addition, there will be added costs, but these will be dependent on several factors such as the number of tournaments to which the team enrolls, the cost of the development sessions, the number of extra ice slots obtained etc.

That said, to give a rough guide up front, families can expect to pay \$725 in base registration and between \$500 and \$1,000 in seed money at the start of the season. Seed money is used to cover the extra development, apparel, tournaments etc.

## **Fundraising and Sponsorship**

Teams may choose to help offset their costs through fundraising events or sponsorships. Money generated from these activities may be used to reduce families seed money deposits only (i.e. you cannot fundraise to cover the base MWAH and NSHA registration fees).

Fundraising is optional for families, however, this is often a great team building exercise and is therefore highly encouraged. That said, any family that does not participate will not be entitled to any funds received from the efforts and will be responsible for contributing to the team any additional funds required (or seed money won't be returned to that family).

## Program Outline

The following table shows an approximate outline of the program, but will be confirmed at the first team meeting.

SEERA U13 Tier 1 Outline	
Program Element	Guide*
Coaching Staff	Parent
Players (skaters/goalies)	15/2
Games (Reg Season)	20
Weekly Team Practices	20-40
Off Ice Conditioning	10-20
Development Ice	20
Extra Development Ice	6
Extra Practices/Exhibition Games	5-10
Team Building (meals, events etc.)	4-6
Approx. Days per Week	4 to 6
Tournaments	1-4
Minor Hockey Week	Yes (2 minimum)
Playoffs	Yes (2 to 6 games)
SEERA Player Track Suits	Optional
Game Socks	Required
Practice Jerseys/Socks/Toques	Optional
Warm Up Gear	Optional
Other Team Gear (eg. Gloves, helmet, jackets)	Optional

\*Subject to coaches discretion

We look forward to another great year of hockey! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks,

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