

Girls Hockey Update for 2024 -2025

Like any hockey season, there have been some changes to various levels of hockey for the upcoming year. St. John's Minor Hockey are excited to be offering some new programming for our girl's teams U11-U18 this season. Below is some further information and some frequently asked questions regarding the 2024-2025 season.

1. What changes have occurred in the DJHL? Please click on the following link to review changes to the DJHL for the 2024-2025 season. https://djhl.ca/news.php?news_id=12755

2. Hockey NL has decided to change the structure of AA/AAA in Girls U13, what does that mean for those players in the Eastern zone? Please click on the following link to review what will occur in Metro as it relates to U13 Girls Pooled Hockey. https://djhl.ca/news.php?news_id=12767

3. What is double carding and what is happening with double carding in the Eastern Zone?

Double carding is defined as a player being registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) with two or more teams. For the 2024-2025 season, double carding is eliminated outright in the Eastern Region at all levels of Minor and Girls Hockey at U11-U15. For example, this will mean that once a player is named to an MCHL team at the association level, they will only play for that team all season. Also, if a girl opts to play for their association's Girls Eastern team, that is the only team they can register for – also playing on a DJHL team is not an option. With the end to double carding, associations have moved forward with forming "C level" development teams for divisional play for a full season as part of the DJHL.

4. In the absence of pooled hockey for girls in the metro area, what will be offered for girls who wish to play girls all-star hockey?

Girls who do not make the DJHL Puffins (playing in the U13 Minor B division of DJHL) but wish to play girls all-star hockey can try out for their association's all-star team. This season associations will form A-level All-Star teams in Girls U11 and U13. U11 girls will play 1-hour games and U13 girls will play 1.5-hour games to mirror the same all-star format as minor hockey. Girls who are successful at making the A- All-Star rosters for their association will pay all-star fees the same as players on minor all-star teams.

5. My Daughter would like to try out for the minor all-star team, can she try out for girl's all-star if unsuccessful?

Yes. Minor all-star tryouts in U11 and U13 will occur before our association Girls all-star tryouts. If a girl is successful at making the minor A, B, or C team they will play on that team for the season. If a girl doesn't make A, B, or C they can then register for Girls A-level all-star tryouts.

6. Will there be tier 2 teams in girls metro this season? Yes. Where registration numbers permit there will be tier 2 teams/leagues offered for girls. This program will be the same as past years, it will be a house league program.

7. Where will I register my child-Girls Hockey or Minor Hockey?

If your child strictly wishes to play girls hockey only, please register your child in their respective age group for girls (ie: girls U11, girls U13, girls U15, girls U18).

If they wish to try out for the girl's U11 or girls u13 all-star team, you then add on the tryout fee. If successful in making the girls all-star team, you would then pay an additional all-star fee.

If your child wishes to first try out for minor all-star then you should register your child in minor for the respective age group (U11 minor, U13 minor, U15 minor), then add the tryout fee.

Should they be unsuccessful at making an A, B, or C all-star team they will then have the option to play MCHL (house league) or try out for their association's girls all-star team.

8. My Daughter plays U15 girls. What will that look like this season? We will have enough players to have one Under 15 Girls team. We cannot yet determine if they will play at an All Star level (A) or house league level (B). This will be determined by the league once the season begins. If it is determined that Girls U15 will play A hockey, there will be an additional All Star fee.

9. My Daughter plays U18 girls. What will that look like this season? U18 girls will not be in a pooled hockey program this season. Girls interested in playing U18 are to register with their home association and will play with their club team in the Girls Metro League. More details will follow once registration is complete and we see our registration numbers.

We hope this helps answer some of the questions you may have regarding this upcoming hockey season, should you have any further questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks

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