Dear Players and Parents,

Welcome to SEMI Hockey U13 "C". I'd like to introduce myself as the Division Manager for this season.

U13 House Division Evaluations will begin the Sep 8-9 weekend. The evaluation process will be split into two primary phases: Skill Assessment (Sep 8 and 9) and Scrimmage Assessment (following week).

Please understand that the purpose of House Evaluations is to yield a skill ordered ranking of all the players participating at the time of evaluation. This skill ordered ranking will be used in the draft process to build competitively balanced teams with which to start the season. This skill ordered ranking is a snapshot at this point in time and by no means is intended to limit the skill advancement of any player in the process; it simply provides a starting point from which to design the development process for each player for that season. It is the intention that each player will be provided equal and ample opportunity to learn and grow over the course of the season notwithstanding their relative ranking at the start.

**Below is the Skill Assessment Time for your player:**

**Saturday September 8th**
**5:00PM – 6:15PM**
**South Surrey Arena**

Your Session for Sunday will be communicated to you Saturday evening after Day 1 of the skill evaluations.

The Scrimmage Assessments will be held during the following week. Players will skate in 2 scrimmages:

Scrimmage 1: Tuesday Sep 11 or Thursday Sep 13

Scrimmage 2: Saturday Sep 15 or Sunday Sep 16

**Check-in Procedure**
Upon arrival players will check-in at the registration table just inside the entrance to the arena. Off-ice Administrators will ask each player to verify their correct contact information. Players will be assigned a numbered jersey to be worn during all on-ice events. Jerseys will be collected at the end of each session. They are not to be taken home!

**Arrive on Time. Be Relaxed. Be Ready.**
For many players (and parents) evaluations can be stressful, especially if it’s a first experience. Please remember to arrive with opportunity to be relaxed and ready. Players are to be dressed, skates laced, 10 minutes before their scheduled session start. At this time, remaining parents will be asked to leave the dressing room so that On-ice Coordinators can address the players. All parents attending evaluations will be expected to be seated in the bleachers of any given arena and should not be seeking to interact with the evaluation team as the evaluation team will need to have their undivided attention on the assessment of players on the ice.

Full equipment is always mandatory. This includes:
· Protective cup
· Shin pads
· Hockey pants
· Shoulder pads
· Elbow pads
· Skates
· Hockey gloves
· Hockey stick
· CSA approved helmet, full mask and chin strap
· BNQ Approved neck/ throat guard

Players should not wear "elite" or "spring team" jerseys, socks and/ or helmet decals during evaluations. Players should wear helmets, gloves and pants that are predominantly black in colour; in-keeping with our Ravens team uniforms.

**The objectives of player evaluations are as follows:**
· To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player’s total hockey skills during the skating and scrimmage sessions.
· To develop a consensus relative ranking of all players within the division at the time of evaluations.
· To form teams that allow balanced and competitive play where athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season.

**Evaluation Committee**
An Evaluation Committee, made up of volunteers from our community consisting of Coach-nominees, will be responsible for player evaluations. (Note: Off-ice Administrators are not part of the Evaluation Team, nor will they evaluate players.)

The decisions on the grouping of players shall be a collaborative process involving all members of the on site Evaluation Team. There may be situations where a unanimous consensus on the placement of certain players is not attainable. In these situations the decision shall be made by majority rule.

**Keep it in Perspective**
Finally, the best way you can help your child prepare for evaluations is to continue to acknowledge effort, and encourage him or her to have fun and enjoy the process. No matter which team they end up on, effort and enthusiasm always leads the way to a fun, successful season for all.

See you at the rink!

Kind regards,

Your U13 Division Manager,

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**Semiahmoo Minor Hockey Association**

U13 "C" Division Managers