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DATE: January 15, 2024  
TO: The Presidents  
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues  
FROM: Melanie Earland  
PCAHA President  
SUBJECT: U9 Transition to Full Ice

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As we are now transitioning to full ice, please note that in keeping with the Player Pathway for U9, the following Seasonal Structure is noted below:  
September - December - ALL league, exhibition and tournament/jamboree games would have been played using the cross-ice or half-ice format.

January - March - Use January as a development month, helping transition kids to full ice. The Player Pathway allows for a full-ice game schedule beginning January 15 or later for a max. of six (6) weeks.

### **U9 Seasonal Structure - TRANSITION TO FULL-ICE PLAY**

PHASE	Prep/Evaluation Phase & Development Phase	Regular Season Phase	End-of-Season Phase
DURATION	Up to <b>12 WEEKS</b> prior to the start of the Regular Season phase	Up to <b>14 WEEKS</b> after the completion of the Development phase	Up to <b>6 WEEKS</b> after the conclusion of the Regular Season phase
ICE SET-UP	HALF-ICE GAMES	HALF-ICE GAMES	<b>MAY PROGRESS TO FULL-ICE</b>
BALANCE	<b>45%</b> OF THE SEASON	<b>45%</b> OF THE SEASON	<b>10%</b> OF THE SEASON
VOLUME	UP TO <b>12</b> WEEKS	UP TO <b>14</b> WEEKS	UP TO <b>6</b> WEEKS
PRACTICES	<b>14</b> PRACTICE SESSIONS	<b>34</b> PRACTICE SESSIONS	<b>7</b> PRACTICE SESSIONS
GAMES	UP TO <b>6</b> GAMES	UP TO <b>22</b> GAMES	UP TO <b>12</b> GAMES
JAMBOREE/ TOURNAMENTS	<b>1</b> JAMBOREE	<b>1</b> JAMBOREE/TOURNAMENT	<b>1</b> JAMBOREE/TOURNAMENT

This information can be found on the BC Hockey website:

[Under-9 Hockey | Seasonal Structure & Annual Calendar \(hockeycanada.ca\)](http://hockeycanada.ca)

During the full ice transition offside, icing and penalties should be introduced. This means that the calls should be made as is standard in all other full ice games. This is a good time to also introduce change on the fly and remove the 2-minute buzzer.

Please ensure that your teams are aware of this mandate. Thank you for your attention to this matter.