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Division	Development Season	Modified Competition Season
U9	Sept. 15 – Oct. 31	Nov. 1 – Mar. 31
U7	Sept. 15 – Oct. 31	Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

Development Season: Member MHAs may operate development programming to start off the 2020-21 season as soon as they have access to ice. Organizations can take player registrations and start to sort players into similar skill level groupings in preparation for a smooth transition to a games model. The building of programming is the responsibility of the Member organization and all programming must be operated using either Physical Distancing measures or Cohorting guidelines. Activities during the Development Season should focus on developing fundamental movement skills and limited game play should take place.

- Associations are permitted to establish 'cohorts' of no more than 50 participants (players and team officials).
- All activity must be restricted to include only those individuals identified as part of the specific Team or cohort.
- Associations are not permitted to change Intro to Hockey cohorts during the Development Season.
- Exhibition Game Sanctions and Travel Permits must be obtained through Hockey Alberta's Centre Ice Portal.
- It is recommended Teams and/or cohorts play no more than two (2) games during the Development Season.

Modified Competition Season: Hockey Alberta and our sanctioned Leagues have a plan in place for a transition into a 'Modified Competition Season'. Teams will be paired or grouped to create competition cohorts and the pairs or groups of Teams will be scheduled to participate in game play against each other for a defined timeframe.

- U9 Teams that participate in a League must ensure that a 14-day break from cohort activity has taken place prior to scheduling and playing League games. Teams that have not completed this required 14-day break will not be eligible to be scheduled for League play until this requirement has been met.
 - It will be the responsibility of each League to schedule and place teams within competition cohorts. Leagues will adhere to the required 14-day break when assigning pairs or groups of Teams for competition.
- U7 Teams, and U9 Teams that do not participate in a League, will be eligible to form competition cohorts of no more than 50 participants (players and team officials) for the purposes of playing games.
 - Teams must ensure that a 14-day break from cohort activity has taken place prior to scheduling and playing games against any other Team/ group.
 - Exhibition Game Sanctions and Travel Permits must be obtained through the Centre Ice Portal.