



EASTEND STORM MHA Development Program 2025-26 REPORT

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Spring 4-on-4 Hockey Program:

- Registration fees from last Spring (2025) 4-on-4 program largely helped pay for our EMHA Development Program this season - including ice costs, equipment, and service fees for technical skills development (goalies & power skating)
- Registration for 4-on-4 this Spring (2026) was strong and puts us in a good position to offer similar programming for 2026-27 Development.

Player/Goalie Development Program:

- Program Run Dates: October 21, 2025, through to December 16, 2025, resumed January 13, 2026, through to February 24, 2026.
- Total of 56 hours of ice
- 11 player sessions for each U9-U13 team – combination of player development sessions provided by EMHA Development Team and Technical Skating sessions (w/ contracted instructor – Carl Menard)
- 6 goalie sessions for all U9-U18 goalies – Technical goalie instruction contracted to Rick Besharah (Goalie Army)

First Shift Program:

- Hosted Sold Out NHL/NHLPA First Shift Trial Program (Phase One) – 6-week curriculum (Nov. 16 – Dec. 21), delivered by our qualified volunteer instructors from our Development Team, along with a number of volunteer on-ice assistants
- Offered Second Shift - Transition Program (Phase Two) – another 6-week curriculum offered to returning participants (Jan. 18 – Feb. 21)
- Total of 12 hours of ice
- Registration fees for Transition Program (collected by EMHA) helped offset the overall cost of both phases of the program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- Overall programming was cost-neutral – in fact, season surplus of \$349.27
- Trial of goalie sessions to include U15 and U18 this year - very low participation
- No deduction of regular ice allotment for U9, U11, and U13 teams (still received 10 full-ice hours)
- Introduction of Transition Program (Jan/Feb) to First Shift

- A huge thank you to the members of our Development Team – all the past and present coaches who volunteer as qualified on-ice Instructors, helping deliver fun and effective sessions for our members and First Shift participants
- Thank you to all the current Storm coaches that would come out on the ice to support your team, and would often be recruited to help run stations. Your help was essential in running a successful program
- Thank you to Adrian Movileanu, for his role as First Shift Administrator
- Many thanks to Michael Sullivan for all his help with the website and organizing our First Shift programs on TeamSnap
- Thank you to all our on-ice player volunteers that helped with our Players Development Sessions and First Shift programs throughout the season