



**2022 DIRECTOR'S CUP
INFORMATION**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The DC Prospects Program is a program for emerging high performance athletes that will focus on key concepts and skills applicable to the “Train to Train” athlete development stage and will serve as an important precursor to the U-16 Program of Excellence and U-16 Team Manitoba. The DC Prospects program operates annually over the course of two separate weekend events. The first of these events are the DC Prospects Regional Development Tournaments which take place in two locations (East and West) on the first weekend of spring break. The second event is the DC Prospects tournament which takes place on the first weekend of May at the Bell MTS Iceplex. The breakdown of these tournament weekends is as follows:

DC Prospects Regional Development Tournaments: March 25-27 2022

- Friday AM – Skill development session
- Friday PM – Skill development Session
- Saturday AM – Skill development Session
- Saturday PM – Regional exhibition game
- Sunday - Regional exhibition game

Central Plains or Parkland (TBD)

DC Prospects Tournament: April 29,30, May 1

- Thursday pm – Skill development session
- Friday AM – Skill development session
- Friday PM – Skill development Session
- Saturday AM – Mixed region game
- Saturday PM – Mixed region game
- Sunday - Mixed region game

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The goal of the DC Prospects program is to provide U14 athletes with the opportunity to participate in skill sessions and competitive games that will prepare them to enter into U15 AAA hockey or continue their development in the circumstance of athletes who have been playing for their regional U15 AAA team. Skill sessions at both tournament weekends will be run by Hockey Manitoba/Hockey Canada skill instructors in addition to coaching staffs identified by the region.

SCHEDULING AND FEES

1. As part of this provincial development program, all fees are determined and paid to Hockey Manitoba.
2. All selected players will register and pay online through the Hockey Manitoba registration system.
3. Expected fee per athletes for the DC Prospects program is approximately \$300/athlete.

UNIFORMS AND COACH APPAREL

1. Hockey Manitoba will provide all regions with branded DC Prospects exhibition jerseys for the DC Prospects Regional Development Tournaments in March.
2. All players will receive a custom CCM DC Prospects jersey at the DC Prospects Tournament in May.
3. All coaches will receive a Hockey Manitoba track jacket to be worn during all DC Prospects sessions and tournament games.

REGISTRATION & PLAYER APPAREL

1. Once the region submits the program roster, parents/players will be provided a web link for the central registration portal hosted by Hockey Manitoba.
2. The portal will include online registration form and online payment link (credit card only). If credit card payment cannot be made then arrangements to provide payment through an alternative method (Cash or Cashiers Cheque) must be made with Hockey Manitoba prior to the registration deadline. Personal cheques will NOT be accepted.
3. Standardized program fees will cover program items such as: ice time, facilities, practice jerseys, game jerseys, socks, honorariums for team staff, coach apparel, coach development resources, player development resources, exhibition ice, tournament entry.
4. This is a provincial development program therefore the same base registration fee will be used across the province with the exception of Winnipeg.
5. In the event that branded program apparel is made available for purchase a link to an online order form will be sent out to all registered athletes at minimum one month prior to the DC Prospects Tournament in May. Once the window for apparel purchasing has closed there will be no supplementary orders.

COACH & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

1. Skill sessions at the DC Prospects Regional Development Tournament and DC Prospects Tournament will be run by Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada skills coaches.
2. All of these on-ice sessions are designed to cover key skills and concepts needed at the U15 level leading into the U-16 Program of Excellence and junior draft year (MJHL, WHL) while building a strong foundation for Midget, Junior, and beyond.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. All players and coaches should be prepared to have their first game be as early as 3:00pm on the Friday of the DC Prospects Regional Development Tournament in March and by noon on the Friday of DC Prospects Tournament in May.
Tournament schedule and rosters will be distributed by Hockey Manitoba at least 2-weeks prior to the Tournament dates.