



MINNESOTA MODEL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

2021 – 2022 SEASON

The Minnesota Model Association Program is designed to encourage, recognize and reward hockey associations who implement age appropriate skill development as outlined in the Minnesota Development Model (MDM) of best practices leading to greater skill development and retention of players. The MDM, which was adapted from the American Development Model, provides the blueprint and the Model Association Program assists association toward implementing the MDM. The Minnesota Model Association Program features four levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) of accomplishment with the intent of promoting a culture of continuous improvement.

Program Recognition and Rewards:

- Arena Banner for Each Level
- Model Association Logo with Level for Association Website
- Recognition on Minnesota Hockey website, publications and social media
- Menu of items based on level achieved (see website for details)

Application Process

Applications may be submitted at any time the association has met the requirements for a level. A new model association may submit initial application for multiple levels (Bronze and Silver, Bronze, Silver and Gold).

1. Association Hockey Director completes application and secures Association President's signature attesting to the accuracy of the application.
2. Application is submitted to the District Hockey Director to review, audit and approve the application. Secures the signature of the Minnesota Hockey District Director.
3. Application is forwarded to the Minnesota Hockey Hockey Director for review and approval.
4. The MN Hockey Hockey Director notifies the applicant of the Minnesota Model Association status. Communicates status to MH VP Hockey Operations, MH Executive Director, MH Marketing Communications Manager, USAH Regional ADM Manager, District HD Coordinator and District Director.

Questions? Contact Jacob Mars (Hockey Director Committee Chairman) at jmars@minnesotahockey.org or your local District Hockey Director (information found at www.MinnesotaHockey.org)

MINNESOTA MODEL ASSOCIATION APPLICATION 2021 – 2022 SEASON



Date: _____

Hockey Association: _____

Minnesota Hockey District: _____

Association Hockey Director: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Association President: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Application for Model Association level

Indicate current approved level _____

- ☐ Bronze
- ☐ Silver
- ☐ Gold
- ☐ Platinum

Application Approval:

Association Hockey Director: _____ Date: _____

Association President: _____ Date: _____

District Approval:

District HD Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

District Director: _____ Date: _____

Minnesota Hockey Approval:

MH Hockey Director: _____ Date: _____

BRONZE 2021 – 2022 SEASON



Must implement a minimum of three at each level (check all that have been implemented) Note: If the criteria does not fit your association or the association is accomplishing the criteria by a different means check the criteria and provide explanation.

Organization

- ☐ Have Hockey Director Position
- ☐ Have Player Development Committee
- ☐ Have age level player development coordinators
- ☐ Provide hard ice dividers/junior nets
- ☐ Provide off ice training area

Mini-Mite, 6U

- ☐ Use LTS/LTP as transition program
- ☐ Conduct parent education session
- ☐ Use blue puck
- ☐ Games cross-ice 3v3 or 4v4
- ☐ Use 6U age specific practice plans

Mite, 8U

- ☐ Use 8U age specific practice plans
- ☐ Games cross or half ice 3v3 or 4v4
- ☐ Average of 2 to 3 on-ice sessions per week
- ☐ 10 to 12 players per team
- ☐ No more than 6 full ice games after Dec. 31

Squirt, 10U

- ☐ Use 10U age specific practice plans, station based/small area games
- ☐ Average of 4 to 5 on-ices sessions per week
- ☐ No more than 35 games
- ☐ 3 to 1 practice to game day ratio

Pee Wee, 12U

- ☐ Use 12U age specific practice plans, station based/small area games
- ☐ Average of 5 to 6 on-ices sessions per week
- ☐ No more than 45 game days
- ☐ 3 to 1 practice to game day ratio

Bantam, 15U

- ☐ Skill development practices, station based/small area games
- ☐ Average of 6 on-ice sessions per week
- ☐ No more than 55 game days
- ☐ 2 to 1 practice to game day ratio

SILVER 2021 – 2022 SEASON



Must implement all at the Bronze level and minimum of three at each level (Check all that have been implemented) Note: if the criteria does not fit your association or the association is accomplishing the criteria by a different means check the criteria and provide explanation.

Organization

- ☐ Adopt development training calendar
- ☐ Annual coaching competency review and improvement plans
- ☐ Team schedules approved by HD/Level Development Coordinators
- ☐ Practice plans reviewed by HD/Level Development Coordinators
- ☐ Provide Parent Educations Sessions

Mini-Mite, 6U

- ☐ Three or four teams (35-40 players) for practices sessions
- ☐ Average of two on-ice sessions per week
- ☐ 8 – 10 players per team
- ☐ No set goaltenders in practice or games
- ☐ One 30 min off-ice session per week

Mite, 8U

- ☐ Use quick change goalie gear, all players the opportunity to play goalie.
- ☐ 12 to 14 game days and 28 – 36 practices
- ☐ Use hard ice dividers and junior nets
- ☐ No move ups to Squirts
- ☐ One 30-40 minute off-ice session per week

Squirt, 10U

- ☐ Average of 2 off-ice sessions per week
- ☐ No single team practices
- ☐ Skaters play both forward and defense
- ☐ Goaltenders split games
- ☐ Provide players with evaluation mid and end of season

Pee Wee, 12U

- ☐ Incorporate body contact drills into every practice
- ☐ No single team practices
- ☐ Average of 2 off-ice sessions per week
- ☐ Use qualified skating, puck skill and goaltending coaches to work with players
- ☐ Provide players with evaluations at mid and end of season

Bantam, 15U

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No single team practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Use skating, puck skill and goaltending coaches to work with players |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average of 2 off-ice sessions per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide players with evaluations at mid and end of season |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One classroom/video session per week | |

GOLD 2021 – 2022 SEASON



Must implement all at the Silver level and minimum of three at each level. (Check all that have been implemented) Note: if the criteria does not fit your association or the association is accomplishing the criteria by a different means check the criteria and provide explanation.

Organization

- ☐ Conduct annual coaching competency review and establish improvement plan
- ☐ Conduct coach training sessions
- ☐ Provided player skill evaluations
- ☐ Adopt developmental calendar

Mini-Mite, 6U

- ☐ Max of 35 on-ice session per season
- ☐ Use outdoor ice when possible

Mite, 8U

- ☐ Provide player skill evaluations at beginning and end of season.
- ☐ Two or three association coach training sessions
- ☐ All games cross/half ice, no full ice games
- ☐ Use outdoor ice when possible

Squirt, 10U

- ☐ Incorporate body contact drills into practices
- ☐ Use qualified skating, puck skill and goaltending coaches to work with players

Pee Wee, 12U

- ☐ One classroom / video session per week
- ☐ Skaters play both forward and defense
- ☐ Conduct monthly coaches meeting

Bantam, 15U

- ☐ Conduct monthly coaches meeting

PLATINUM 2021 – 2022 SEASON



Complete Gold level and demonstrate how the association is providing leadership to the Minnesota Hockey outside of the association.

Provide narrative demonstrating association leadership: