

Technical Director 2024 Annual Report



- **Checking Clinic** - 23 skaters registered and 22 attended. Information has been sent to HNS. Will look to do a 2nd clinic in August if interest is there. I have raised an issue with HNS of U15 Major teams doing their checking clinics in season. If a player was hurt during this time, it would not be good for our teams in playoffs. It also causes kids to become more aggressive in their remaining hawks practices as I witnessed this first hand on a couple ice sessions that I ran.
- **April Spring Camp update:**
 - U7 - Sold out
 - U9 - Sold out.
 - U11 - Sold out
 - U13/U15 – 95% full
 - Goalie Camp – 20 goalies registered

Majority of players are A,B and C level which is great to see we can offer a spring option for these players. We did a Hawks jersey for every player this yr which has been nice to see the hawks logo on all players. Increases the brand awareness for the association.

- **U7** - A great year and well run by former Hawk, Liam Oxner. Lots of positive comments from parents and coaches on his on ice demeanour with the kids and willingness to work with the coaches. Thank you to Jordan Udle for a great job organizing. We have some initiatives we will be implementing next yr to get more kids in the goalie position at U7 and U9.
- **U9** overall has been a successful year on ice. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches! You were a pleasure to work with. This was the best yr in recent memory for developing level coaches as well. Lots of coaches and really engaged! Thanks to Tyler for keeping things organized
- **First Assist Program** has wrapped up for the season and overall was a huge help to our U9 and U7 programs. Big thanks to all the teams, parents and coaches for making sure we had volunteers each week. Will definitely be back with this in the fall.
- **Wednesday Goalie Sessions** wrapped up late March. Thanks again to Brad and his Empire Goaltending team. Always a well attended session. We will bring this back next season as well.
- **U11/U13 November 11th 3v3 tourney** was a great event this year and we will bring this back again next yr.
- **C Level power skating** – Ran all year for the first time and it was a success. Averaged about 20 skaters a session. Lots of great feedback from parents at the rink who stopped to say thanks.
- **New to hockey program** – Moving to August this yr. Will be looking for volunteers.
- **Player evaluations** – Most teams have completed and will keep on file.

- **Summer Ice** – Had to cancel due to lack of interest. Survey sent out early in year indicated we might have enough interest to do some combined groups but once registration opened it did not fill enough in any groups to continue.
- **PD Day Sessions** – Were well received and will look to book ice again for next yr once the HRCE schedule is released for next school year. Holiday ice has been booked
- **Monday Development Ice** - Will be looking for a 2 hour slot on Mondays this yr to cycle through practices with teams.
- **Rawk the Rink** went well again this yr with some exciting games. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. We were able to raise around 2k for our player assistance fund which is awesome. Looking forward to next yrs games.
- Big thanks again to all board members, directors, coaches and volunteers. I appreciate all the time you volunteer to make minor sports happen for the kids. To the directors and board members leaving us, a special thanks for all your time dedicated to the Hawks! Much appreciated!
- **Goaltending** – Some rough estimates on how many goalies we will have next season at each age group (Rec and Comp combined)

U11	6
U13	10
U15	14*
U18	10*
*Dependent on U15 Major, High School, U16 Minor tryouts so number could be lower	

As you can see above we could be in a goalie crunch next year at some levels.

- **C Level Teams** – Overall the vibe was all positive with our C teams. While some struggled out of the gate, improvements were made and the re classifying of teams always helps smooth the season out for all. Our U11 Royals made the bronze medal finals, Our U13C Ice Hawks lost a close 2-1 bronze semi final game to the eventual winners, both the Sea Hawks and Black Hawks made the semi finals of the silver division in U13 and the Red Hawks won the U15C Bronze championship.
- **Competitive Team Success**

Our U11 AA teams pulled off a feat that probably won't be completed again in a very long time, with both teams finishing 1-2 in regular season and meeting in the CMHF playoff finals. It was an amazing achievement for our teams and many thanks to the coaches of both teams. Our U11 A and B teams were fairly young this yr and struggled in the wins and losses column but they showed improvement throughout the year and a lot of these players will move up next yr in the U11 age group. As you can see below, if enrollment stays the same next yr, we will be right around the cusp of 110 registered in the U11 division.

DOB	Numbers
2014	59
2015	50

Total	109
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3.6. For the initial registration of teams, the number of players registered by an MHA within a division will be used as follows:

MINOR

U11

AA + 57 players (+110 (+/- 10) two balanced teams)

Our U13 teams all showed great improvement over the course of the year. The AAA team, while falling in round 1 of playoffs, had an exceptional season finishing 5th overall and just 2 pts out of third. They did this while introducing 3 players to the defense position for the first time. Our AA, A and B teams all peaked at the right time of the year and had strong showings in the provincial playdowns and league playoffs. Our U13A team in particular really showed exceptional improvements from start to finish this season, narrowly missing out on provincial qualifying and playoff success. Between the returning U13 players and the incoming group of U11 players, I think our U13 division should be in a good position next year but may not realize some real success until the following season

Our U15 division saw some real success this season with our U15AA team winning the provincial championship, our U15A team capturing the the regular season title, and qualifying for the day of champions final game. Our two B teams were well balanced, finishing with almost identical records in regular season and playoffs. Both teams were very competitive. Our U15 division was really helped by very strong goaltending on every team this season. It was a strong point for the division.

Our U18 AA team struggled this season. Attendance and lack of players to choose from for tryouts were some of the causes to this. We are hopeful that a strong graduating U15 class will revive the U18 program but we will need to take a wait and see approach as High School tryouts and U16 Minor may affect this group.

Overall this was the most successful season on ice in recent memory for the Hawks with many banners won and the majority of our teams being very competitive in league and tournament play.

Thank you to all that played a part in this season. Enjoy your summer and see you all next year at the rink!

Tim