



**Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association
U23 Annual Report 2022
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The Halifax Hawks U23 had one team this year; this team is comprised of players that have the age range of 18 -24-year-old. This season the team had many returning players that consisted of more senior players making this a very competitive season in their league. I would like to thank the Head Coaches Logan and Aaron Mielnik as well as the Assistant Coach and Safety Representative Riley Kerr for volunteering to help and support the team throughout the season. U23 had twenty players on the team roster this past year; the league consisted of seven teams. This season the team played 90 minute games and enjoyed having the longer game times and allowed more players to join the team. There were challenges this season with COVID restrictions only allowing the same 10 players for practices; this resulted in canceling ice sessions where the team has university students and conflicting work schedules.

Here are the results of the U23 for this past season – coached by non-parent coaches Logan Mielnik, Aaron Mielnik and Riley Kerr. The U23 had a few younger players from existing families join the team this year along with seasoned players returning made this team a very strong competitive team.

Throughout the course of the regular season the team had challenges with players that had school commitments and injuries but would only lose one game and tie one out of eleven games played. At the end of the regular season the team finished second out of the 7 teams, right behind Chebucto the rival. The team finished third for the MMHL Playoffs behind Bedford and Chebucto remaining in first. The team faced Chebucto in the final championship game playing with determination and perseverance the team won 5-2 and earned the title of U23 Gold Champions for 2022 and 2021.

The coaches would like to acknowledge the hard work of the team and a special acknowledgement of the final year players who conclude their minor hockey careers with the Halifax Hawks, Carter Harrington, Noah Pecoskie, and Tanner Peters. Their leadership and experience proved invaluable to the team and the support provided to their younger teammates.