



**Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association  
U7 Annual Report 2022  
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The Halifax Hawks U7 program is for players four, five and six years old. It is a structured, learn-to-play hockey program designed to introduce beginners to the game's basic skills, to have fun and to develop confidence.

**Highlights**

U7 had a total of 113 players registered at the end of the 2021-22 season, which was an increase over the previous years' 95 players. Players have been split into three groups for the past three seasons. Each player was given two ice times to be evaluated and placed in a group based on their skill level. Evaluations were conducted by non-parents.

Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association were able to have just one team attend jamboree this season, which was a reduced number due to COVID. Hopefully, these will get back to normal in the coming season. The Hawks U7 group was able to participate in a number of Timbit's games during the intermissions of Mooseheads games.

Each group was allocated two (50 minute) practice times per weekend between October and March. Practice times were:

- Three ice times between – 7:00 am and 10:00 am on Saturday at the Civic Arena in Halifax
- Three ice times between - 8:00 am and 11:00am on Sundays at the Civic Arena in Halifax

These times were cut short due to COVID as arenas were impacted by the changing COVID rules. During this time players were only able to get in one ice time each per week, as for a few weeks the cohort numbers were reduced to 10.

The practice times were led by a non-parent, Scott Welsh (with over 25-years coaching experience) as well as the new Technical Director, Tim Boyce. In addition, we had a total of 40 registered coaches:

- Central Group – 16 coaches
- Metro Group – 7 coaches
- Atlantic Group – 17 coaches

Note: The number of coaches differs from group to group because some teams had more parent volunteers than others.

**U7 Registration:**

As noted above there were 113 players in U7 in 2021-22

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013-14	114	15	129
2014-15	119	15	134
2015-16	120	13	133
2016-17	85	15	100

2017-18	101	9	110
2018-19	92	11	103
2019-20	77	18	95
2020-21	80	15	95
2021-22	95	18	113