



**Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association  
U9 Annual Report 2022**

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The U9 Hawks had what I view to be a very successful and satisfying season, despite the ongoing challenges presented by Covid.

We saw our enrollment numbers increase from last season, which I think is directly attributable to the hard work of many board members and other volunteers for their community outreach efforts.

As Director, I want to pass along my sincere thanks to all the parents and guardians for the dedication and commitment you showed to your children this season. Clearly, hockey is a sport which requires a significant level of time and resources, and your children could not enjoy this wonderful sport without the commitment of all of you.

To our coaches, managers, safety reps, timekeepers, and all other volunteers – our sport could not function without you. The pandemic saw us experience yet another season of ups and downs, none of which were welcome. However, throughout it all, our volunteers maintained a positive attitude, which was instrumental in seeing the children enjoy this season. We all live busy lives and are often pulled in multiple directions – so a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers who selflessly dedicated your time this season. As they get older, our children will recognize the time and effort put into ensuring their success. A sincere thanks to all of you.

Thankfully, the end of the season saw a return to some measure of normalcy, and I am aware of our teams having very rewarding experiences in the past several weeks of the season. Some highlights include learning new positions; scoring a first goal; experiencing the thrill of attempting a “slap shot” during a game; taking a turn as goalie; having success in games and tournaments; and even some of our children having the unique experience of the entire Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department showing up to rescue them from being trapped in a hotel elevator! Not only did the children experience *vast* improvement on the ice, but more importantly (in my opinion), they have experienced the very best of what our sport has to offer – the development of lifelong friendships that I hope they carry with them well beyond their minor hockey days.