

## Metcalfe Jets Midget Report 2020-2021 House League Season

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To Whom it may concern,

My year end summary report is as follows:

This year was not a typical year by any standards. With COVID there were no official “try outs” meaning scrimmages and games to assess players. I had to use past coaches and knowledge of players past playing history to assign players to bubbles. In a season where U18 typically has >100 players we had more than 35.

Team structures were as follows by month/timeline:

- September – Two A teams consisting of 7+1 each. Two B teams with 8 players each no goalies
- October - Two A teams consisting of 7+1 each. Three B teams with 8, 8 & 7 players each no goalies
- November – One A team 15+1, One B team 14+1
- December One A team 16+1, One B team 17+1
- Feb-March – One team 22+2

Players were not happy with the lack of full 5x5 games and those who did practice/play and had no goalies present were even more upset. We DID find a great balance the last two months with 22+2 and having full ice scrimmages before COVID cut our season short again.

There were also no midget Jets hosted tournaments this year due to the pandemic.

Coaches Bellefeuille, Brunette, Smiley, Boucher and MacEachern all stepped up and helped along with the trainers and managers to fill out the coaching staff. We had a small outbreak at U16 house level as I understand which only affected a few players for 2 weeks or so.

We also were able (the board) to set up bursaries for the graduating U18 players which speaks to the board's ability to manage funds and still have surplus to recognize those players deserving of such awards.

I will return for a final year as Midget U18 Convenor (at this level) next year for the 2021-2022 season.

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