

U15 House League Report 2021/22

Metcalfe District Hockey Association

Evaluations were done during game play with scrimmages by three outside evaluators. All U15 house registrants were split into three groups for scrimmages and each group played the others once, all games took place in one day at one arena. Goalies were evaluated during a separate goalie evaluation session, there were 5 goalies for 3 teams.

From the evaluation results eight defensive players, eighteen forward players and four goalies were selected to play in the A/B bubble game. Initially nine forwards, 6 defence and 2 goalies were chosen for the A team from the evaluations, the remaining players and goalies were split as evenly as possible based on evaluations onto two B teams. One balancing scrimmage was held to ensure both teams were evenly balanced in skill. There was some shuffling around of players within a few weeks, two players moved to the A team who were next in line from evaluations and then unfortunately shortly after the announcement for vaccine requirements was made by OPH, two players from B teams withdrew from the season. The A team was given one goalie while both B teams had two goalies each. With goalie shortages in other age groups and due to covid protocols, all goalies had opportunities to play for other teams as well as their own.

As previously discussed during board meetings, I would highly recommend that there be allotted at least 24 hours between Rep B releases and house league evaluations. I do believe this is manageable and needs to be changed for next season.

There was one U15 player who joined MDHA as a brand new hockey player was evaluated and approved by MDHA and GHA to move to U13 C in order to learn to skate, play and improve his skills with the end goal of moving to U15 next season. This player enjoyed a successful season with the U13 group and it is with great joy that I say he will be ready to move to U15 in the 2022/23 season. I would like to thank the U13 C coaches and players for showing Jets pride and sportsmanship to welcome this player and help support them to see their goal. Two late registrants joined the B team that had lost players due to their withdraw so the number of players on each B team became more closely balanced (B1 – 14 skaters, 2 goalies, B2 – 15 skaters, 2 goalies). The A team ended the season with a larger roster than considered ideal for a house team (18 skaters, 2 goalies), however, with all of the absenteeism forecasted due to covid protocols I did feel that it was acceptable and do believe it worked out.

To finish the regular season the A team finished 4th out of 7 teams, B1 finished 4th out of 7 in the B1 division, B2 finished 2nd out of 7 teams in the B2 division. During Round-Robin games of the playoffs the A team went 0-2-1 and didn't move on, B1 went 0-2-1 and didn't move on, B2 won all 3 games in round robin play but unfortunately lost to a strong Gloucester team in the semi finals.

I would like to thank all of the U15 coaches and other volunteers, especially the safety managers, for their cooperation and support as we navigated another difficult hockey season. I also commend the players for adjusting to the new rules as they were brought forward and changed on short notice. Another great season under the belt for everyone, way to go Jets, see you at the rink next season. I will be changing roles on the board for the 2022/23 season as I will be moving to VP of Competitive role, however, will be happy to support the incoming U15 convenor.

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