

VP House Annual Report 2021-2022

Although a more normal season, we were still recovering and dealing with issues from COVID. Due to this, we tried to keep the roster sizes on the larger side to compensate for people having to be away for public health measures.

The MDHA is still experiencing a goalie shortage at a few levels. This led to a number of levels being short and considerable effort to find goalies. A number of considerations should be given to mitigate this situation. Prior to COVID, a popular and successful event was "Come Try Being a Goalie". This gave players the opportunity to try the position without the commitment of playing the position for the whole year or the purchase of gear. The VP House and VP Competitive should have open communication and releases to other associations should be considered on a case by case basis.

Unfortunately, a number of teams noted a perceived bias from the officials. Although this situation was addressed a number of times, it never seemed to be rectified. MDHA hosted two separate meetings with representatives from the GHA and D9 Referees. Unfortunately these meetings did not go as planned and were not beneficial for coaches to ask for clarification on issues. If these meetings are to continue between the two organizations, it will be planned and run by a member of the MDHA to ensure that the goals of the meeting are met. MDHA should also continue to encourage new referees from our own association. This will help D9 have a more extensive pool of referees to pull from for our local games.

It was suggested to the board to have a "Referee of the Year" award to help ease the tension between the two organizations. The board was supportive of this and this idea will be implemented for the 22-23 season.

This year we implemented a new logo in conjunction with the purchase of new jerseys. By all accounts both were received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Thanks to Jay and team for all the work on that piece. We will be budgeting for new socks to match for the upcoming 22-23 season.

I have thank the Board Members, Parents and Players for helping to make this season such a great success.