

MDHA U13 Report – 2022/23 House League Season

This season was the first in a few where we enjoyed no public health restrictions. It was fantastic to see families and friends in the stands to cheer on their players.

The U13 group included 44 registered and rostered players. We iced three teams this year: the U13A team with 14 players, the U13B team with 15 players, and the U13C team with 15 players. As has been a common challenge for the past few seasons, we entered sort outs with 2 registered full-time goalies and 2 registered part-time goalies. Of the two part-time goalies, one elected to play the season as a player, while the other as a full-time goalie.

This cohort (in particular the 2010s) has produced numerous competitive goalies leaving few to the house league ranks. Consideration to grooming players who register as part-time goalies should be given which may include extending AMPED sessions to part-time goalies in certain circumstances.

On the ice our U13 group had mixed results this year. Our U13B team struggled all year finishing the regular season 9th of 10 teams with a record of 3W – 16L – 1T. Our U13C team finished the regular season 2nd of 3 teams with a record of 10W – 9L – 1T. Our U13A team finished the regular season 2nd of 5 teams with a record of 10W – 6L – 4T. For the playoffs, the U13B team again struggled finishing without a win in their 3 round robin games. Both the U13C and U13A teams finished round robin play unbeaten with three wins. The U13C team advanced straight to the division finals ultimately claiming the banner with a 4-3 victory over the Russell Warriors. The U13A team played the semi-final with an exciting 2-1 overtime victory over the Orleans Rush before advancing to the finals also claiming the banner with 5-4 overtime victory over the Leitrim Hawks.

Our coaches and volunteers did a great job again this year. We saw numerous players affiliated and those affiliates made significant contributions when called upon (including providing much needed support for playoff wins).

I look forward to continuing to watch these players develop.

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