



U15 House League Report 2022/23

Metcalfe District Hockey Association

Registration for U15 resulted in enough players to form 4 groups at the start of the sort out process. Evaluations began with 4 goalies, 17 defence and 41 forwards registered. One hour of ice was allotted for goalie assessment by two independent evaluators, unassociated with U15. Players and goalies were then split into 4 groups and evaluations were performed during scrimmage play. Each of the 4 groups were allotted 2x50 minute scrimmages for the sort outs. Five independent evaluators (4 for players, 1 for goalies), with no association to U15, were able to assess players and goalies.

Evaluation data was analyzed, and players were ranked. Two goalies, 18 players and 8 defence were chosen to play in the A-B bubble game where they were evaluated by 6 independent evaluators (4 for players and 2 for goalies). One goalie, ten forwards and five defence were placed on the A team. From the initial sort out evaluations, the remaining players were divided evenly between 3 B teams. Two hours of ice was allotted for B balancing games where each team played the other in a round robin style 30-minute game. Teams were balanced in terms of skill, so no player movement was needed following the balancing games.

Following B balancing, a late registration was accepted, and players were shuffled amongst teams to accommodate. The season began with the following:

- A-team: 15 players, 1 goalie,
- B1 team: 14 players, 1 goalie
- B2 team: 15 players, 1 goalie
- B3 team: 15 players, 1 goalie

We received 3 further late registration requests. The first requested a specific team only. We were unable to accommodate as the team's roster was full. The second late registration was placed on B1 which filled the final spot available on their roster. The third late registration, we were unable to accommodate as all 3 B team rosters were full. The remaining late registrants were placed on a wait list in case of vacancy. The last on the wait list requested a transfer to ORMHA and was placed with one of their U15 house teams. In January, a player from our B3 team was transferred to our U15 Rep B team. At that time, we reached out to the first late registrant that we were unable to accommodate to offer them the newly opened roster spot. They accepted.

At the end of the regular season our A team finished 6th of 7, B1 and B3 finished 2nd and 3rd respectively out of 8 in the B1 division, and B2 finished 7th out of 8 in the B2 Division. Following the playoff round robin series, our A team finished 1-1-1 and did not advance, B1 finished 1-2-0 and did not advance, B3 finished 0-2-1 and did not advance, and our B2 team finished 2-1-0 which advanced them to the semi-finals. B2 won the semi-final game to advance to the finals where they were beaten 4-3 in a very close and exciting game.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board, all the coaches and volunteers, and all the parents and players for making my first season as convenor a lot of fun and relatively issue free.

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