

Castor River Canucks AGM Report 2022/23

Metcalfe District Hockey Association

Head coaches for Canucks teams were interviewed and selected in the Spring of 2022. The interview panel consisted of the VP of Competitive from both RMHA and MDHA as well as myself and another person invited to participate from outside the board. Hosting of each team remained the same as the previous year with the exception of U14 (2009 birth year) which was merged with and hosted out of Leitrim. LMHA was part of the Rep B agreement for teams at U14 and U18.

Canucks tryouts started on Sunday September 4th, 2022 with goalies from U12-U15. Goalie evaluations were combined with Go Blues and Leitrim for cost and time savings. The combined evaluation was organized by the Go Blues organization and they used Jenkins Goaltending. Additionally to the combined goalie evaluations MDHA hired independent goalie evaluators to ensure a fair evaluation of each goalie was done as we saw more goalies than in years past.

Player evaluations started the following day. All players were evaluated by the selected Head coach for that age group, their chosen evaluators and 2-3 independent evaluators chosen by the VPs of Competitive for RMHA and MDHA. Every player was given at least two ice times for evaluations before any releases were made. Continuations for tryouts were posted on the MDHA website although communications via email were also done throughout the process. The final rosters were posted on the MDHA website and emails were sent to the players and goalies selected for each team.

U10 and U11 age groups started with four “rust-off” sessions each one hour long which began on September 10th. Tryouts for these age groups followed the rust off sessions on September 18th. The tryout process was the same as it was for the U12-U15 age group and all selected players were notified.

U16 and U18 age groups started their tryouts with exhibition games on September 24th and rosters were finalized for both by early October. The number of players and goalies trying out for the U16 age group was low, as such, the coach and VPs of Competitive were actively seeking players and a goalie to transfer to that team. In the end there were not enough players to make the full roster of 15 skaters which was unfortunate as the season went on with player illness and injury leaving the roster short most of season. This age group will be moving to U18 and will join another birth year which should add the numbers needed to keep a competitive team for that age group.

The regular season found our teams in the following positions before playoffs:

U10 – 7 of 14

U11 – 4 of 14

U12 – 11 of 16

U13 – 13 of 14

U15 – 2 of 13

U16 – 12 of 17

U18 – 5 of 12

Each team had success on and off the ice and despite some teams not coming away with more wins than losses, they were all successful in that the greater majority of players will be returning to hockey next season and all made some positive memories from the past season.

Thank you to all of the Canucks volunteers, without your tireless work the Canucks would not be a success. I look forward to see you all at the rinks next season.

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VP of Competitive

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