U9 2023-2024 AGM Report

This year in MDHA's U9 House level we had 72 registrants for the 2023-2024 year, which is slightly down from 83 last year.

Each registrant was divided alphabetically into 3 groups. During the month of September, each group was offered 4 rust-off sessions to prepare for the three evaluations sessions. During the evaluations, all players were rated and scored based on their ability to complete basic skating and shooting skills. With the calculated scores from the evaluation sessions and the bubble and balancing game results from impartial evaluators, players were divided up into six teams.

- A1 – Head Coach C. Rodgers – 13 Players
- B1 – Head Coach M. Mallette – 12 Players
- B2 – Head Coach T. Smith – 12 Players
- B3 – Head Coach M. McCarlie – 12 Players
- C1 – Head Coach D. Daynard – 12 Players
- C2 – Head Coach S. Tracey – 11 Players

Regular season practices and ½ ice games commenced October 7th. All teams participated in at least 2 tournaments.

New this season, effective January 2024, the U9 teams in our district participated in a Full-Ice pilot for the A and B level teams. The C level teams remained at half ice for the full season. Note: 1 of the MDHA U9 C teams felt excluded and their concerns were brought up and responded to by the Board. Results of the pilot will be reported as they become available.

Again, this year GHA organized the GHA U9 Jamboree. There were some comments made with regards to the fact that after several teams played full ice it was less exciting to go back to playing ½ ice. Also, there were suggestions made that in the spirit of calling the event a "Jamboree", perhaps a small organizing committee could be created each year to make the Jamboree more eventful. For example, if we arranged more events or activities… such as raffles, lobby activities and food options.

As with past years, again I had amazing coaching and managing staff who were very easy to work with and willing to go the extra mile for our kids.

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