

## **U9 2024-2025 AGM Report**

This year in MDHA's U9 House level we had 77 registrants for the 2024-2025 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. The Evaluation drills and scoring was managed by our VP of Player development, Nick Pommanville. 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 M. Mallette – 14 Players
- B1 – Head Coach M. McCarlie – 13 Players
- B2 – Head Coach J. Leitch – 13 Players
- B3 – Head Coach R. Lappa – 13 Players
- C1 – Head Coach D. Daynard – 12 Players
- C2 – Head Coach G. Cook – 12 Players

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

This season, effective January 2025, all U9 teams moved to Full-Ice practices and games which was received well overall.

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.

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. We unfortunately did encounter some concerns with a volunteer Manager, but we stepped in to help and were able to finish off the season smoothly.

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