

MDHA U21 Convenor Report

2025–2026 House League Season

Team Composition

The U21 program consisted of 21 rostered players, including 20 skaters and 1 goaltender.

Regular Season & Playoffs

The U21 team completed the regular season in 5th place, finishing with a record of 7 wins, 11 losses, and 2 ties.

The team finished the Round Robin Playoffs in 4th place overall.

Closing Thoughts & Recommendations

In alignment with recommendations from the previous convenor, efforts were made to keep the roster size as small as possible. HEO permits 19 skaters and 1 goaltender to dress per game, which guided roster decisions.

As a result, a small number of players were redirected to other associations to avoid creating an oversized roster. However, had two goaltenders been secured, it would have been feasible to form two U21 teams. This became particularly evident as several players expressed interest in joining after teams were formed.

From a conduct perspective, there were very few disciplinary issues throughout the season. The group was respectful, cooperative, and largely self-managed, making it an easy and positive year from a convenor standpoint.

Recommendations for the 2026–2027 Season:

- Increase early and frequent promotion and communication of registration, particularly directed toward older age groups.
- Secure a minimum of two goaltenders to enable the formation of two U21 teams.
- Implement a waitlist for over-age players until a specified registration deadline to ensure age-eligible players are given priority.
- If two teams are formed, ensure they are properly balanced for competitive equity.

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