

## 2023 AGM U11 Director Report

The 2022/2023 Hockey Season has come to a close and this year represented a transition back to normal. After two seasons impacted by the pandemic and a season last year of transition navigating through health restrictions we were back. This year U11 Stony Plain Minor Hockey Teams found themselves experiencing an uninterrupted return to tournaments, Edmonton Minor Hockey Week, and team social events.

For the U11 Division this year Stony Plain Minor Hockey rostered 5 teams in the EFHL through divisions in the HADP, tier 2, tier 3, tier 4, and tier 5. SPMHA rostered 81 skaters and 6 goalies across the 5 teams which resulted in 17 skates being rostered on 4 of the teams. The association didn't have enough numbers to roster 6 teams and as a result 5 larger teams were created to accommodate all registrants. We acknowledge that the larger teams did present some challenges and all aspects will be reviewed during team composition for the coming season.

The early portion of the season was a challenge for our HADP team to remain competitive in the division and an appeal was made by the Team Management and the Association towards the EFHL to have the team transitioned to the Tier 1 Division. This appeal was denied but after the tiering round the SPMHA HADP Team was transitioned to a secondary group in the HADP where they were very competitive and took gold in playoffs. A review of the HADP for the following season will be conducted by SPMHA.

An end of season survey was conducted which garnered 41 responses from participants in the U11 Division. Feedback was captured around evaluations, ice scheduling and availability, player development, and the HADP. All feedback will be taken into account and shared with the association with a focus on continual improvement. Ice availability remains a challenge in the region with many associations competing for the same inventory.

One focus of the survey was a call out for "people you want to recognize who made your season great?", to which received several responses around Coaches, Managers, Treasurers, Parent Volunteers, Registration Coordinators, Directors and Fans. As a 100% volunteer run association, involvement from many helps ensure a successful season and without the countless hours put in by our volunteers our kids wouldn't play hockey. If you are one of the individuals who gave your time this year, whether it be on the bench, in the score clock, on a bottle drive, or hundreds of the other asks, thank you. Without your time no of this is possible.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming Annual General Meeting