

## 2023 AGM U7 Director Report

With the 2022-2023 U7 Season coming to a close, I want to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped make this season a success, both on and off the ice. For the coaches, the managers, the treasurers, the on-ice helpers, and everyone who stepped up when and where required, I am extremely grateful, and the season would not be possible without these contributions.

With the year being over, it is a good opportunity to look back and acknowledge what was successful and what needs improvement. Evaluations started with 76 players, with 3 late entrants which resulted in 79 players total spread across 4 teams. There were far too many players per team which created issues surrounding tournaments, games, and even the dressing rooms. This also resulted in a greater skill disparity on teams due to the sheer number of players.

Ice scheduling was also noted as a major issue with improvement required in both communication and timeliness of notice. With U7 self-scheduling games and tournaments, the more notice, the better. U7 teams also needed to work around the U13 Tournament as well as Edmonton Minor Hockey week.

A midseason survey was posted and 71% of surveys were returned by parents. The current tiering process was evaluated with 82% of parents supporting how SPMHA currently operates. Positive input was also received for the U7 Parent manual and will be incorporated into its release prior to next season starting.

I want to acknowledge the feedback I have received regarding U7 and the Association throughout the season and encourage that going forward. We need to continually strive to do better, and feedback helps us do that.

Hope to see you at the AGM and have a wonderful summer!

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