

Atom B Division 2016-2017-Year End Director Report

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PLAYER NUMBERS/TEAMS/COACHES

This year the Atom B division consisted of 117 players playing on 8 different house league teams. We had 7 teams comprised of 96 males and 2 females and 1 team w/ 19 females. The female team was a new addition to the Atom B division allowing an 'All Female' team option for those who registered for it. The 7 other teams were comprised of 14 players/team. Each team had 1-2 goalies/team. These teams were made by using a snake draft format at a coaches/director meeting that took place after the October 1st/2nd Atom B evaluation weekend. This year we saw lots of very competitive and close games. Again proving that the drafting format is working. We had tons of coaching help with 1 Head Coach/team & multiple Assistants/team as well.

SEASON REVIEW

The season officially began **September 17th/18th-2016** weekend with our "Camp Skate Weekend". This warm up skate welcomed everyone to the 2016-2017 season. This was followed up by an Atom A group split evaluation **September 24th/25th-2016** weekend which determined the player split with the Atom A group and Atom B group. Atom B evaluations and draft were then held **October 1st/2nd-2016** weekend, and the season began **October 3rd-2016** and finished on **March 26th-2017** after our final playoff games. A 2:1 practice-game ratio was formatted for every week during the regular part of the season. The playoff format this year was a 7 game round robin, which had all 8 teams play one game against each other. The results of this round robin set for a **7th vs 8th, 5th vs 6th, 3rd vs 4th, & 1st vs 2nd** set of final games. The winner of the **1st vs 2nd** game proved to be our City League Champions. This year our Atom B City League Champion were the **Medicine Hat Wild** with an exciting 5-4 shootout win over the Medicine Hat Flames. Our Home Tournament was **January 27th-29th** weekend. Again we had a very organized and exciting weekend with the 24 team tournament. This was in large part to all the parent volunteers that did a fantastic job and of course our players who played some hard, tough fought hockey!

PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT

We continued this year with the **Coaches Edge** coaching mentorship group. Again this has been another great year of educating our coaching staffs to continue progressive development with our young players. **Hockey Alberta** also had a set of clinics in the city this season which were

free for our coaches to attend. As well we welcomed back **World Pro Goaltending** to continue their involvement with developing our young goalies and educating the coaches with more goaltending orientated drills. We saw the return of the old '1 session/month' power skating program with **Platinum Power Skating**. They also put on monthly skills sessions which were very popular for players who attended. We had monthly free shinny sessions for players to attend when they were available to. This was an idea to get the players out playing some old school pond hockey encouraging love for the game and more relaxed setting for skill development. These sessions varied by numbers as it was last minute ice most of the time, however, was very popular for the players who attended.

We finished the season with player evaluations. These forms were made up by our GM Kris Schultz. These forms were sent to each Head Coach of each team & the coaches evaluated each player on their team and sent the form back into MHMH. These forms help new directors with knowing where players are at for the start of next season, and just an added measure to help our association with player development. A final coaches meeting was not able to be arranged due to conflicting schedules among the group.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the 2016-2017 was a fantastic division to be part of. The players and parent groups for all the teams were a great & respectable group to be able to work with. Our coaches did an amazing job with all the teams, and we were treated to some fun & competitive hockey!! I believe Medicine Minor Hockey provided a lot of seasonal options for the players and coaches, and I hope to see everyone plus some more for next year.

Enjoy the summer everyone.

Atom B-Director

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