

Novice 1st Year Division – Year End Director’s Report

2016 – 2017 Season

Director: Curtis Presber

This Year the 1st Year Novice Division consisted of 102 players which included 17 female Novice registrants.

Our league ran with 8 teams this year. This included one ‘all girls’ team as well as one Irvine team!

The season kicked off September 17th weekend with a free skate weekend for the Novice skaters, followed up with the September 24th weekend evaluations. After the evaluations, the teams were then drafted using the evaluations in an effort to create as balanced of teams as possible. This tactic proved to be successful as the season that followed included very close competition for duration of the season. The season was wrapped up March 4th weekend with our extremely successful home tournament. A tremendous volunteer group effort went into this tournament and it once again proved to be very popular.

One comment directly to my inbox from an out of town parent, “It was an amazing tournament, we are so impressed and had a great time! - Audrey”

The tournament featured two Tiers and in the two “A” Final games there were 3 of our Medicine Hat teams playing.

P3 coaching tools were implemented for the second year in a row into the Novice division and the feedback was very positive from the coaches. **YMCA Dryland** training nights were run for each team 2 times over the course of the season which provided a change of scenery for the kids and gave them exposure to different activities as a team. **World Pro Goaltending** clinics were extremely well received by this age group with the goaltending specific clinic working with these kids at a crucial age where they are intrigued to learn the different aspects of this position. **Power Skating** and **Puck Power** training sessions were some further highlights to this wonderful learning season.

The coaches season came to close with a coaches’ wrap-up meeting March 30th, going over final season evaluation reports and taking suggestions for improvements the Director could take to the Board as learning items.

Thank you to all of the coaches, parents and volunteers that worked so hard to see that this season was such a great success!

Sincerely,

Curtis Presber

MHMHA Novice 1st Year Director