

MHMHA- ATOM DIVISION 2017/2018

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LEAGUES/PLAYERS/COACHES

CAHL

Two teams were introduced to the Atom Division this year:

- Tier 1 travel CAHL team
- Tier 2 travel CAHL team
- Each team consisted of 15 skaters & 2 goaltenders

These were tryout teams. 56 players tried out. The tryout consisted of a skills evaluation skate & 2 game evaluation skates. This number was cut down to 40 players. A black and white game was played, and from this group the 2 teams were selected.

Both teams had great successes this year.

- Our Tier 1 team finished 1st in their division after regular season play. They went on to win the Tier 1 CAHL PLAYOFFS. Also came out as champions for ZONE 6 and represented the association very well in their Provincial tournament.
- Our Tier 2 team had a strong season in their division. Finishing mid-pack in their division and losing in a closely fought battle in their league playoff semi-finals.

ATOM 'A' CITY

- Consisted of 5 teams
- Each team consisted of 12 skaters & 1-2 goalies
- These players were selected through an evaluation process that had 1 skills evaluation skate and 2 game evaluation skates
- Teams were drafted by Coaches using a snake draft format at a Director/Coach draft meeting
- Each team had a coaching staff of no less than 1 Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches (most teams had 5 coaches carded to their team)
- Team's season schedules reflected 2 practices and 1 game per week (for the most part) starting first week of October and ending March 11th.
- Teams participated in a league playoff to conclude the season.
- MEDICINE HAT BLACKHAWKS came out as the Atom A City League Champions
- The City League had a very successful Home Tournament. This was a 16 team tournament which was ran by a great volunteer group.

ATOM 'B' CITY

- Consisted of 5 teams (1 team was an 'all female' team)
- 4 teams consisted of 12 skaters and 2 goaltenders

- 1 team consisted of 17 female players
- Players participated in a skills evaluation skate and 2 evaluation games (for team parity)
- Teams were drafted by Coaches using a snake draft format at a Director/Coach draft meeting
- Each team had a coaching staff of no less than 1 Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches (most teams had 5 coaches carded to their team)
- Team's season schedules reflected 2 practices and 1 game per week (for the most part) starting first week of October and ending March 11th.
- Teams participated in a league playoff to conclude the season.
- MEDICINE HAT FLAMES came out as the Atom B City League Champions
- The City League had a very successful Home Tournament. This was a 16 team tournament which was ran by a great volunteer group.

PLAYER COACH/DEVELOPMENT

- All coaches, who required the needed training to coach, received the required Hockey Alberta/Hockey Canada coaching certifications
- **Coaches Edge** was out to help with coach mentorship again this year
- **Hockey Alberta** provided various coaching clinic nights
- **World Pro Goaltending** was out to work with goaltenders and Coaches (shooters) to continue our great efforts in building our young goaltenders
- **Platinum Power Skating** was used in monthly skills sessions for our skaters
- **Performance Edge Sports Testing** was used in 2 separate events to introduce the association and members to Sports Testing. We had 90 players tested at the beginning of the year and 35 retested at the end of the year.

OVERALL

We feel that this year's ATOM DIVISION was very successful. We had 12 teams total. We believe by adding the 2 tryout team options and moving to more of a 'tiered system' while providing 2 city league options (A & B) worked very well. We saw lots of development, amongst all the players, in every Atom league this year.

Thank you to all the parents and players for another great and **FUN** season of hockey!