

## **MHMHA Timbits / Timbits Senior Director's Report 2017/2018 Season**

### **Divisional Structure**

#### *Timbits Junior*

Teams: 5 teams composed of 2013 and 2012 birth year players  
Registration Numbers: 68 (up 12 from last year)

#### *Timbits Senior*

Teams: 6, composed of 2012 and 2011 birth year players  
Registration Numbers: 80 (down 42 from last year)

#### *Wildcats*

Teams: 1 composed of 2013, 2012, and 2011 birth year players  
Registration Numbers: 15 (no all-female team year prior)

### **Summary**

The season officially began September 30th for both divisions and ended on February 24th Timbits Jr. and February 25th Timbits Sr. teams didn't skate over the Christmas break. The season was wrapped up with the Jamboree in which teams in each division played a mini round robin tournament. The Medicine Hat teams practiced with the Irvine Jr. Bulldogs and Irvine Bulldogs Initiation team.

The focus for both divisions was skill development. The Timbits groups generally skated at the Family Leisure Centre on the weekends, with some practices held at Irvine throughout the year. Timbits Jr. teams generally practiced with three teams on each ice time Timbits Sr. teams generally practiced with two to three teams on each ice time.

The coaching group in these divisions did an excellent job teams generally had 4-5 coaches and a team manager. The kids all developed over the year with improvements in skating and puck handling.

### **Player / Coach Development - P3 Program**

This was the fourth year MHMHA implemented the P3 program with this age group. The coaches generally bought into the program and worked with the structure and development processes. Teams were split into tiered groups within the practices so each player had the opportunity to learn skills and play mini-games with similar skill level players. This format worked well again this year.

Power skating was not offered this year as a cost saving measure.

### **Closing**

I big thank you to all the volunteers involved in making this season enjoyable for the kids! Especially to the coaches not only for on-ice instruction, but time spent taking Hockey AB courses and submitting criminal record and vulnerable sector checks.



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