

## **MHMHA PEE WEE CITY LEAGUE – Year End Directors’ Report 2017/2018 Season**

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The Pee Wee City League consisted of (80) players this season. Of these players, (47) of them were born in 2005, (29) of them were born in 2006, and due to being short goalies this season, there were (4) goalies in the division who were born in 2007. Of the (80) players, two of them were female, and both born in 2005. There were (26) coaches within the league, split up amongst (6) teams. Four teams consisted of (13) players and there were two teams of (14) players.

Prior to the season starting there was a weekend “get back into hockey skate”, followed by one weekend of evaluations. The majority of the evaluations were completed by the head coaches of each team. There were also several impartial evaluators on hand for the majority of the ice slots.

The teams were selected by the coaches through a draft on October 2, 2017. Each coach was allowed to specify up to two assistant coaches, and all other on ice help was selected during the draft. The draft was setup to ensure even teams for the year, and for the most part this was achieved.

The season ran from “the get back into hockey” skate on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the end of playoffs on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The playoffs started with a round robin format, where every team played each other once. After this, a ranking was determined. The 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> place team played in a final game. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams, played in a semi-final with one another. The winner of the semi-finals then played in the league final game. The Pee Wee City Leafs came out on top this season and won the Pee Wee City Cup.

The Pee Wee City home tournament was a great success and was held on January 5, 6, and 7, 2018. We saw 10 teams from out of town attend this tournament, and it was a great weekend for all!

The continued partnership between Medicine Hat Minor Hockey and Coaches Edge was met again with positive comments and participation from the divisions’ coaches. The World Pro facilitated goalie clinics twice a month, were another positive development tool that goalies/parents utilized frequently throughout the season.

Points for consideration for next season:

- Continue the development of goalies to ensure adequate numbers at the house and competitive levels.
- If available, try to schedule longer games throughout the season to expose players who wish to play at the competitive level.
- Possibly increase the number of players on each team to 14, this will allow for even lines on each team.

In Summary, I believe that this season was a success. Many players saw great improvement and development throughout the year, while keeping fun as the driving force behind the year. As always, each season is only as strong as its volunteers, and it was evident this year that many good people stepped up and filled necessary positions to make the year what it was. Thank you to all on be-half of our hockey players,

Mark Parsons  
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