

Novice A Division – Year End Director’s Report

2017 – 2018 Season

Director: Curtis Presber

This year the Novice A division consisted of 78 players over 6 teams in the league.

The season kicked off September 16th weekend with a free skate weekend for the Novice skaters, followed up with the September 23rd-24th weekend evaluations. After the evaluations, the teams were then drafted using the individual performance ranking to create as balanced of teams as possible. This tactic proved to be successful as the season that followed included very close competition for the duration of the season.

The season was wrapped up March 2nd - 4th weekend with our extremely successful home tournament. This year’s tournament was a 16 Team Tournament. A tremendous volunteer group effort went into this tournament and it once again proved to be very popular.

Many out of town teams expressed comments of appreciation; from how well the games were officiated, to the level of competitiveness offered.

This season was the first season under the Novice A & B skill split. Overall the season proved to be competitive and allowed the skill level to be as closely aligned as possible amongst the house teams. This format also proved to be helpful for our teams when entering tournaments to be better able to match up against other communities that Tier their Novice Divisions.

P3 coaching tools were implemented for the 3 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.

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 A Director