

# **MHMHA – ATOM DIVISION 2019/2020**

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## **LEAGUES/PLAYERS/COACHES**

### **CAHL**

Two travel teams competed in the Atom Division:

- Tier 1 – CAHL team
- Tier 2 – CAHL team

\*Each team consisted of 15 skaters & 2 goaltenders.

Try-outs took place from September 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, consisting of 4 conditioning skates, 1 skills session, 2 evaluation games and a Black & White game. A total of 60 skaters & 12 goalies tried out. Of the 60 skaters, 5 kids were from our Zone (2 Redcliff, 2 Irvine, 1 Bow Island).

Both teams had an exceptional year.

- Tier 1 team finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their division after regular season play. In playoffs, they were leading the final series 1-0 before the season ended due to COVID-19. They also lost out in the Zone Provincial Final.
- Tier 2 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division after regular season play. In playoffs, they lost out in the final (3<sup>rd</sup> and final game).

### **ATOM A – CITY LEAGUE**

- Consisted of 6 teams, consisting of 13 skaters & 1 goalie.
- The players were ranked through an evaluation process that consisted of 2 evaluation game 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.
- Season schedules reflected 2 practices and 1 game per week (for the most part) starting first week of October and ending March 10<sup>th</sup>. Schedule was affected by the World Under 17 tournament for approx. 2 weeks, which saw teams only getting 1-2 ice session per week.
- Teams participated in league playoffs to conclude the season.
- MEDICINE HAT DEVILS 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 8 teams, 4 MHMHA teams (14 skaters and 1-2 goalies, 2 MHMHA all female teams (1 – 12 skaters and 1 goalie, and 1 – 11 skaters and 1 goalie), 1 team from Redcliff and Irvine.
- Both Redcliff and Irvine teams moved to Atom A in November 2019.
- The players were ranked through an evaluation process that consisted of 2 evaluation game 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.
- Season schedules reflected 2 practices and 1 game per week (for the most part) starting first week of October and ending March 10<sup>th</sup>. Schedule was affected by the World Under 17 tournament for approx. 2 weeks, which saw teams only getting 1-2 ice session per week.
- All teams participated in league playoffs to conclude the season.
- MEDICINE HAT PENGUINS 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 their Hockey Alberta/Hockey Canada coaching certifications.
- **Hockey Alberta** and **Coaches Edge** provided various coaching clinic nights throughout the season.
- **World Pro Goaltending** was out to work with goaltenders and Coaches (shooters) to continue our great efforts in building our young goaltenders.

## **OVERALL**

We feel that this year's ATOM DIVISION was successful. We had 12 teams total. A 2-team competitive travel option for this age group has proven to be very beneficial with teams competing in CAHL Tier 1 & Tier 2. Atom 'A' City League teams competed at a Tier 3/4 level, while the Atom 'B' City League team competed at a Tier 6/7 level.

Thank you to all the parents and players for another **FUN** season of hockey! It is exciting to see our organization continue to grow, with a continued focus on player and coach development.