



MHMHA Female (City) Year End Director Report 2021-2022 Season



MHMHA provides the opportunity for females in the U7 to U11 age groups to join an all-female team that plays in the City league in their respective division. Female players in the U13 and U15 divisions can try out for the female rep (i.e. travel) team in their respective division. Female players can also choose to play on a co-ed team.

The 2021/2022 season saw a total of 138 females from Medicine Hat and area registered to play hockey. This includes 99 females registered to play on a female team (including travel teams) and the remaining 39 females played on co-ed teams across the various divisions.

U7 Division (22 players)

- 12 females played for the Wildcats in the U7 division (one team)
 - Previous season comparison – 13 players
- 10 females played co-ed
 - Previous season comparison – 14 players

U9 Division (33 players)

- 17 females played for the Wildcats in the U9 division (one team)
 - Previous season comparison – 25 players
- 16 females played co-ed
 - Previous season comparison – 7 players

U11 Division (24 players)

- 18 females played for the Wildcats in the U11 division (one team) – this includes 2 overage players (U13)
 - Previous season comparison – 25 players
- 7 females played co-ed
 - Previous season comparison – 5 players

U13 Division (35 players)

- 29 females played for the Wildcats RMFHL A/B teams in the U13 division (two teams)
 - Includes underage players (1) and players transferred from Irvine
- 3 females played co-ed
- 2 players moved up to the U15 RMFHL Wildcats team as underage players

U15 Division (24 players)

- 14 females played for the Wildcats RMFHL A team in the U15 division (one team)
 - Includes underage players (2) and players transferred from Irvine
- 3 females played co-ed (City league)
- 9 MHMHA players played on the Southern Express in the U15AA AFHL (zone team)



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2021-2022 Season Summary

- It was so nice to be back on the ice and playing a (mostly) “normal” season!
- Registration numbers continue to be steady among all age groups
- Preseason information session was provided to introduce the “Female Hockey Pathway” and general information about the options for female players
- We were able to fill coaching spots on all Wildcat teams
 - Hockey Alberta has mandated that all female teams require a female coach to be carded to the roster – this will continue to be supported by MHMHA
- All-female mini-camp held for U9-U15 age groups in April 2022
- Low interest again for creating a U11 Rep (RMFHL) female team – no travel team was offered in the U11 age group again this season

2022-2023 Season Look Ahead

- Continue to look for ways grow female interest in the competitive hockey stream for those who want to play travel hockey, particularly the U11 division
 - Survey results suggest that we could be close to having enough interest in the U11 group for a RMFHL team in the 2022/23 season (more research required)
 - Recommend to hold another pre-season information session to provide details about the female program and options, specifically more information about travel hockey to the younger female players
- Continue to offer additional development opportunities throughout the season for female players across the U7-U11 divisions
 - This will be built to provide challenging, fast-paced practices to give the girls an opportunity learn new skills outside of their comfort zone
 - Bring in older female players (SAHA players, U13/U15 players) to assist with practices and provide mentorship to the young girls
 - If the Moose rink opens next season, we should have more ice availability to provide more of these types of sessions for the female players
- Look to recruit more female coaches for either full-time positions within a coaching group or part-time attendance at practices/games to provide female mentorship to the young girls