

## **DIRECTORS REPORT – NOVICE HOCKEY 2017/18 SEASON**

Preconditioning began October 3rd with League team evaluations on October 14-15. These teams were picked on October 16th. House teams were picked October 19th. Approximately 92 players signed up for Novice hockey this season. 14 of them girls. There were 2 league teams both with 14 players and 4 house teams. House team jerseys- Barons Green, Blue, Maroon, Yellow.

The League teams had a very successful season. Both competed in the Hi-Way 14 League. Team Maunula made it to the semi finals and Team Solomko won the League Championship. Congratulations!

Team photographs were taken at the discretion of each individual team.

Trach Power skating program- The league teams had 6 sessions, it was very beneficial to development of players

Morning Ice times- The league teams had 15 morning ice practices

Tournaments - teams averaged 2-3 out of town tournaments, some teams lined up extra exhibition games

Average ice- 15-22 games and 35-40 practice hours

First Shift- 5 kids from first shift started hockey and fit in well with the house teams.

Coaching requirements- these were discussed with all the coaches prior to the beginning of the season. Criminal record checks were also required to be completed.

Thanks to The Battlefords North Stars for supplying all the players with a season pass!

Wintertainment Week - the 2nd Outdoor Classic was held Feb 24th, the 4 house teams participated. It was put on by the City of North Battleford. This year the rink had ice so the kids had a great afternoon of hockey & snacks.

The house team tournament scheduled for Dec 2-3rd was changed to a fun weekend. Lack of interest from teams made it impossible to host a tournament. A team from Pierceland came and played against all the house teams. The tournament committee organized a fun weekend for the kids with lots of hockey and prize tables.

Affiliate players – 2 affiliate players from Initiation were used this season on the league teams only.

Overall, it was an excellent hockey season. 35 kids born in 2010 will remain in Novice next season, with approx. 39 moving up from Initiation. Novice numbers will be around 74 players next season.

Recommendations for 2018/2019 season:

- Order the 3 sets of Novice Jerseys that were designed this season prior to start of next season.
- Have coaches evaluate all players to choose all teams.
- Option to host a Novice A tournament for league teams
- House tournament weekend Feb 8-10th 2019

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents & players for a great hockey season. Thanks to the office staff & board members for all their hard work. Most of all thank you to the coaches & managers who are dedicated & organized parents who volunteer their time & efforts to making your child's hockey season fun & helping them learn how to play.

This sums up the year & it's amazing how fast time flies & once again the hockey season is over! I have enjoyed being your Director!!

Ali Kramer, BMHA Novice Director