



Age Division Director Reports

Mites Report

During the 2017-18 Mites season, Stettler Minor Hockey rolled out its new Mites small area game policy. The policy, structured around directives from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta, saw the Mites players move to cross ice (1/3) play, with game play beginning later in the season. The key objectives of the new policy are to have fun, to develop an interest in hockey and a desire to continue, to develop basic hockey skills and to promote physical fitness. Interested parties may refer to the Stettler Minor Hockey website, under the Policies tab for additional information.

During the beginning of the season, the Mites Director took initiative to book the away tournaments for the 4 teams for the year. Our away tournaments were played in Castor, Bashaw, Daysland and Forestburg. Going forward, this job may fall to the team manager as in past years, depending on whether or not nearby tournaments are filling up - this can be evaluated as the 2018-19 season begins.

Our tournament was hosted on February 10th, 2018. It was decided that we play a 1/2 ice tournament in order to attract visiting teams who had not yet switched over to the cross ice format. In addition to our 4 Mites teams, we hosted teams from Kneehill and Airdrie, as well as two teams from Lacombe. The tournament was a lot of fun and was well organized - much positive feedback was provided to tournament organizers by local and visiting parents. The tournament was financially successful, and from our tournament proceeds, we were able to pay for our 4 away tournaments, as well as our First Goal trophies. We were able to make a monetary donation to the Bantam Girls Provincial tournament with our remaining proceeds.

During the 2018-19 season, the Stettler Mites will host their first cross ice tournament.

All in all, a wonderful season! Many thanks to the coaches, managers, parents and of course, all the amazing little players, for your participation!

Martyne Nixon
Mites Director

Novice Report

Novice had 55 players this year, making up three boys teams and one girls team. The season started after Thanksgiving weekend and it was the first year of implementing the new SMHA Novice Policy. Players practised and played in like skilled groups for the first month and also played half ice games in this arrangement. It took some getting used to with some concerns along the way, but overall feedback was positive.

In mid- November players were split equally and teams made, with full ice game play being implemented during the last week of that month.

The remainder of the season had all four teams playing in three tournaments, in addition to two teams playing 13 exhibition/house league games, and two other teams playing 11 exhibition/house league games. The Novice season officially ended on March 10th.

Brett Nixon
Novice Director



Atom Report

There were A, B and C teams this year in atom. All of them took part in the Stettler tournament along with an away tournament. Our Stettler tournament was a huge success with each team receiving approximately \$1300. The A team continued to provincials where they earned silver. The B team lost out in league playoffs. The C team won the league banner.

Marsha Mailer
Atom Director

Peewee Report

This year the Peewee division had 3 teams and 43 kids.

The A team with 12 players, and 1 goalie. Coaches were; DJ Kisner, Keith Werbowesky, Jeremy Klapak, Scott McLellan and Troy Anderson. Manager, Jenece Baker. This team was placed in tier 1 and finished 4th in their league. They were also the Zone 7 champions.

The B team had 13 players and 2 goalies. Coaches were; Kent Hoopfer, Guy Mohn. Manager; Shelly Striet. This team was placed in tier 5, and finished 5th in their league.

The C team had 13 players and 2 goalies. Coaches were; Mike Enyedy, Kirk Blake and Curtis Kramchynski. This team was placed in tier 6N and finish 1st in their league, but lost in the crossover final with tier 6S team Kainai.

Our division hosted a tournament on Jan 27-28th, with 9 other teams attending. We raised a total of \$6201.01, giving SMHA 10% or \$620.10.

Alison Norman
Peewee Director

Bantam Report

2017/18 was a good year. Our main issue was injuries for both teams, which brought our numbers down each game. Our Bantam division started with 26 players and we gained 3 in January. Our group was divided into two teams. We had 14 Bantam A (tier 3) and they lost in the first round of playoffs. Our Bantam B (tier 5) team consisted of 15 players and didn't make playoffs. Our tournament was combined with Midget each having 4 teams play in their pools. It all ran very smoothly and was a very successful tournament. Looking ahead at our peewees moving up and our 2nd year bantams our number should be around 32.

Thank you,

Keri Snowden
Bantam Director

Midget Report

The 2017-2018 Midget team consisted of 19 players, being coached by Mike Tucker as head coach, Ryan Koehli and Clinton Kneeland assisting, and Sherri Beier managing the team. The team had two players getting injuries at the beginning of the season and missing a large number of games. We also had a late injury to another player happen later in the season and he missed out on the league playoffs and provincial tournament.

The boys had a successful year winning the league banner, zone champions, as provincial gold medal winners.

Sherri Beier
Midget Manager/Director