

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION – ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

The 2024/25 started strong with a growing FUNDAMENTAL numbers, and we welcomed many new players in U10 and U12, our U14 and U16 teams were small and mighty. The U19 group started as two teams and decided to combine as one for the remainder of the season.

HHRA recreation numbers grew specifically in the younger ages and we welcomed many new children and their families into our organization and onto the ice. This increase in numbers is directly attributed to the hard work of many volunteers at HHRA who have hosted many Come Try Ringettes and developed innovative programs with equipment rental and half year registration to make our sport attractive. The Fundamentals program ended the season with 30+ children that were divided into more of a Fun 1 and 2 format which allowed the older and more skilled players to get some mini game exposure through jamborees. A huge appreciation to the volunteers who helped, Natalie Berry was the program lead and was well supported by some experienced ringette parents, current players and new parents.

Our U10 group also welcomed many new players and families to the sport. All 34 children worked well as one large team until they faced each other on the ice! The U10 program focused on establishing a solid ringette foundation while having lots of fun. With so many new families joining, we had many new coaches and on ice helpers step up and learn the game and how to develop ringette specific skills in children.

We had one large U12 team which created a great mix for new players, first year players and some seasoned second years. The coaches and players really worked hard and had a great year, learning to compete.

The U14 and U16 recreational teams have low numbers again and it was a challenging year for these teams. The coaches, players and parents truly showed their strength and grit. They worked hard and found creative ways to ensure they iced a team for every game and stayed positive.

The U19 group had a large number of players with lots of experience. At the beginning of the season there was a hope to have two teams, but in the end one team made the most sense and allowed these players to enjoy their season while balancing their other commitments. Thank you to the parents who stepped up and supported these players on and off the ice. A huge appreciation to the parents who stepped up once again to coach and manage the team(s).

Overall the 2024/25 season was a success for the HHRA recreational program. Our numbers are steadily increasing creating a solid base for future years.

Thank you.

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