

## **Halifax Hurricanes Ringette Association**

### **2024/25 Annual Gary Field Report**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gary Field Memorial Ringette Tournament was held from November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and was the second to be co-hosted with Nova Central. This year we had a total of 56 teams participate, which is unchanged compared to 2023. 37 of those teams were from NS, 14 from PEI and 5 teams from NB. In total, we played 104 games and had over 300 volunteer spots filled. Attendance by PEI teams remained flat year-over-year, while we did see an increase of attendance by NB teams from 1 to 5. Of the NB teams, 3 teams competed in the U14A/U16A divisions, 1 team took part in the FUN jamboree and 1 competed in U10.

Each of the U10 and U12 divisions had 12 teams participate. For U10, scores were kept for the first time, adopting similar rules used by CoLT the previous year. This was generally well received but concern was raised by at least 1 team about the 3 goal limit for individual players. For both U10 and U12 we introduced quarter finals which was very well received. The 14A and 16A divisions were viable with the participation of NB teams. The U14B, U16B and U19 divisions were all well attended.

Total profit for the tournament was \$9,014, which is a substantial improvement over the \$2,428 of profit last year. This is largely due to requiring volunteers from HH and NC teams to fill minor official spots, as opposed to paying for minor officials, as well as some successful initiatives to sell swag.

In 2025 the Halifax Hurricanes will chair the tournament. The partnership with Nova Central was originally approved for 2 years, this past year being the final year of that agreement. The Halifax Hurricane Board has approved continuation of the tournament with/without Nova Central. Nova Central will be voting on our partnership to host tournament soon.