

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

In summarizing this 2024-2025 season I will not report on team records in league play or how we did in tournament play – albeit our Halifax Hurricanes Ringette Association (HHRA) teams did quite well. I would like to report on our progress with coach development, aimed at athletic growth and development.

In 2024-25 we had teams at all age levels and coaching staff to guide with each:

- Fun 1/ 2 – we had four (4) dedicated coaches with this group. We also had junior coaches assigned to this group.
- U10 – HHRA iced two (2) teams and five (5) dedicated coaches with this group. We also had four (4) junior coaches assigned to this group.
- U12 – HHRA iced one (1) team with three (3) dedicated coaches. We also assigned two (2) junior coaches to this team.
- U14 – HHRA iced two (2) teams with eight (8) dedicated coaches.
- U16 – HHRA iced two (2) teams with seven (7) dedicated coaches.
- U19 – HHRA iced one (1) large, combined team with five (5) dedicated coaches.

In total HHRA teams were led by thirty-two (32) dedicated coaches. HHRA teams were also assisted by seven (7) junior coaches.

All HHRA coaches were registered, trained and compliant with HHRA and Ringette Nova Scotia (RNS) requirements for training and certifications to coach. All HHRA coaches were also screened with Child Abuse Registry (CAR) and Criminal Record Checks (CRC).

Our teams surrounded themselves with great support staff. Our coaches did a fantastic job putting their assistant coaches, junior coaches, and managers together. In turn the team managers did an amazing job of running each of their teams to give the athletes the best opportunity to be successful on and off the ice. I thank the parents for all the volunteer hours whether it was fundraising, helping with association events or helping at our annual Gary Fields Tournament.

Coach development sessions were challenging to set up. Availability and timing of learning and development opportunities did not allow training opportunities at the rate and level aspired to. However, HHRA coaches were invited to virtual coaching sessions hosted by Harbour City Lakers (HCL) and lead by the Youldon Group. Sessions were well received and attended by HHRA coaches. Additionally, HHRA did offer one (1) on-ice coach development session throughout the year. The session was a pilot to gauge interest and success and, was well received and future sessions is encouraged and recommended.

I also wanted to say how great it was to come out to games and hear encouragement and positivity directed at our athletes. It is always fulfilling to watch our HHRA athletes grow, mature, and develop throughout the year. Both on and off the ice.

In closing, I would like to again thank all coaching staff, team managers, and parents. You are instrumental in fostering our young athletes' love for this awesome sport. None of this is possible without your dedication.

Thank you.

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