

## **DIRECTOR OF COACHING – ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26**

In summarizing this 2025-2026, I would like to report on our progress with coach development, aimed at athletic growth and development.

In 2025-26 we had teams at all age levels and coaching staff to guide with each:

- Fun 1/ 2 – we had three (3) dedicated coaches with this group and lots of on-ice help with U19s, U16s and parents. We also had several junior coaches assigned to this group.
- U10 – HHRA iced two (2) teams and eight (8) dedicated coaches with this group. We also had three (3) junior coaches assigned to this group.
- U12 – HHRA iced two (2) team with four (4) dedicated coaches. We also assigned two (2) junior coaches to this team.
- U14 – HHRA iced one (1) Tier 1 team with four (4) dedicated coaches.
- U16 – HHRA iced one (1) Tier 1 team with five (5) dedicated coaches. We also assigned one (1) junior coach to this team.
- U19 – HHRA iced one (1) large, combined team with three (3) dedicated coaches.

In total HHRA teams were led by twenty-seven (27) dedicated coaches. HHRA teams were also assisted by six (6) dedicated junior coaches and many additional on-ice volunteers.

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. Coach development was promoted through on-line training and available webinars and videos. It is recommended that HHRA secure a few hours of ice to allow on-ice coach development sessions to continue.

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.

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

Thank you.

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