**DIRECTORS REPORT – NOVICE HOCKEY 2018/19 SEASON**

Preconditioning for Novice began October 1st with League team evaluations on October 13-14 & teams were chosen. House teams were then evaluated and selected. Approximately 59 players signed up for Novice hockey this season, down from 92 the previous year. 13 of them girls. There were 2 league teams both with 11 players and 3 house teams. House team jerseys- Barons gold, yellow and black.

The League teams had a very successful season. Both competed in the STEP League. Team Maunula won the League Championship. Another banner will be raised in the rink!! Congratulations!

Novice got 3 new sets of jerseys. Grey, Teal, Black

Team photographs were taken at the discretion of each individual team.

Trach Power skating program- The league teams had power skating sessions. It was very beneficial in the development of players. All coaches were given the opportunity to attend Trach powerskating to learn skills.

Morning Ice times- The league teams had morning ice practices

Tournaments - teams averaged 2-3 out of town tournaments, some teams lined up extra exhibition games

First Shift- 6 kids from first shift started hockey and fit in well with the house teams.

Coaching requirements- these were discussed with all the coaches prior to the beginning of the season. Criminal record checks were also required to be completed.

Thanks to The Battlefords North Stars for supplying all the players with a season pass!

The house team tournament was held February 9-10th. 5 out of town teams plus 3 Barons teams. The tournament committee organized a very successful and fun weekend for the kids with lots of hockey and prize tables.

Overall, it was an excellent hockey season. Approx. 26 kids born in 2011 will remain in Novice next season.

Recommendations for 2018/2019 season:

* Have coaches evaluate all players to choose all teams.
* Option to host a Novice A tournament for league teams
* House tournament weekend - host in February

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents & players for a great hockey season. Thanks to the office staff & board members for all their hard work. Most of all thank you to the coaches & managers who are dedicated & organized parents who volunteer their time & efforts to making your child’s hockey season fun & helping them learn how to play.

This sums up the year & it’s amazing how fast time flies & once again the hockey season is over! I have enjoyed being your Director!!

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