

BMHA 2022/23 Year End Director Report

Chad Olson- U18 Director

April 21, 2023

Team Reports

U18 Barons STEP year-end report

- 21 skaters and 2 Goalies had to sit four players per game. Later in the season, due to injuries, suspensions and work was easier to manage sitting players.
- Did not enter any tournaments as did not want to have to sit any further players.
- Really good attendance
- Finished well with 8 wins and 8 losses
- Challenging to run practices with so many players on ice. Per Kelly Page Asst coach,
- Sitting players for games creates issues as paid full fees for year.

U18A Barons

- Team picked smaller roster due to trying to make 2 step teams at start of season. Struggled with injuries and suspensions, not having enough players. Once aware only one STEP team tried to get players from large STEP team to assist with them having too many players was refused from coaching staff. Eventually after Christmas, one player and convinced another who had quit at the start of season to come play.
- Attended four tournaments: Hague, Macklin, Home Tourney, and Regina.
- We were able to have a competitive season and have close games with other A teams around the province. Teams had ups and downs but playing together all year helped develop the team to peak at the right time. We played 6 provincial games losing in the provincial final. The players were ecstatic with results saying had never even won one provincial game in the past. The team felt that playing together all year was essential in this success. Players and parents both expressed the best season they have had in minor hockey. "Brought back child's love of hockey again."
- Playing as a tournament/exhibition team does pose increased challenges for booking games and tournaments more labor intensive for coaching and managing. Easier to get games booked early in the season.

Continuation of the A team (Frazer Donahue Head Coach)

-I would recommend minor hockey to continue with the A team at the U18 level. Players who have been committed to minor hockey for many years should have the opportunity to play on a team with other committed players who want to develop and improve to be able to play the highest level of hockey that they can.

-It provides players with the opportunity to play a team game with other players of their caliber.

-It provides an opportunity for players on the house team to take on leadership roles and have more opportunities to develop themselves without players there who would traditionally dominate the play and puck possession.

- With U18 being a 3-year division there are plenty of opportunities for players to develop over the years to be able to move up to AA or AAA opportunities.

-I also believe that having the U18A team will keep some players engaged in hockey longer as I know some players were very frustrated with house teams in previous years and may not play without this opportunity as they want to play with players who are committed to playing the best hockey they can achieve.

Suggestions

This year was big learning curve at the beginning of the season had difficult number of players to split between teams. In retrospect would have split into two even number of teams between A team and STEP team. This would have kept players from STEP team from sitting and allowed A team to have enough players to compete and not needing to bring up from 15A who only had 13 players on roster.

Believe there may be opportunity to join either Saskatoon U18A League or try and get back into the Highway 14 League if the U18 Director and BMHA President want to attend meetings for both Leagues.

STEP League can give kids that usually don't play in certain situations during the game those opportunities if kids at higher caliber play AA or A hockey.

In the end it was about developing the kids on the STEP team and the A team and feeling comfortable with saying that this was accomplished.

Thank you,

Chad Olson

April 3, 2023

Dear: Minor Hockey Association

We, the 2022-2023 Battlefords Barons Provincial Hockey Team, wanted you to know that this year was an amazing experience. It is one we will never forget and cannot wait to experience again. Each one of us players are looking forward to the same experience next season with the Provincial Team. This season has been the best season we have had in all our minor hockey years.

We want you to know that we appreciate Chad & the other Coaching Staff more than words can say. The work that is done behind the scenes and the support you provided us all year on and off the ice is more than we can ask for in our coaching staff. Thank you so much.

We are looking very forward to the 2023-2024 Battlefords Barons Provincial Hockey Team.

Thank you *We very much appreciated this season. The team had so much fun and was filled with memories.*
from the entire 2022-2023 Battlefords Barons Provincial Team, *U18 Provs Barons*

Jared Nichol *Jared Nichol*

Jazz Roan *U18 Provs Barons*

Dylan Risling *DR*

Jett Rose *JR*

Ashton Carlson

Hudson Ford *Hudson Ford*

Ashton Carlson

Kyle Michnik *Hunter J*

Everett Everson *Ev* Rowan Westwood *Rowan Westwood*

William Hoase

Quaid Watson *Quaid Watson*

William Hoase

Declan Donohue *Declan Donohue*

Andrius Kama

Detton Wissholt

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Mikeal Bird *Mikeal Bird*

Reis Lang *Reis Lang*

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