

Lloydminster Minor Hockey Association

General Managers

2023/24 Annual Report

I wanted to take a moment to recognize the executive committee and the board members and express my sincere gratitude for all the hard work and dedication you have put into keeping the Lloydminster Minor Hockey Association running smoothly. Your commitment to the organization and its members does not go unnoticed, and I am truly grateful for all that you do.

I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support and guidance provided by our office staff, Tracy and Denise. Their tireless efforts and countless hours spent helping me navigate the inner workings of LMHA have been instrumental in my role, and I am incredibly thankful for their assistance.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those of you who are moving on from the LMHA Board. Your dedication and contributions have been invaluable to the Association.

To the new board members joining us, I am excited to collaborate with you as we gear up for the 2024 - 2025 hockey season.

I wanted to provide everyone with an update on our registration numbers over the past three years. It is encouraging to see a steady increase in participation each season.

In the 2021/22 season, we had a total of 1019 registered members. The following year, in 2022/23, our numbers grew to 1065. I am pleased to announce that this past

season, we reached a total of 1125 registered members. This positive trend reflects the hard work and dedication of our team in promoting Lloydminster Minor Hockey.

LMHA would like to inform you on our recent team formation process for the upcoming hockey season. As in previous years, independent evaluators were once again utilized to ensure that our participants are placed appropriately for a challenging and rewarding experience.

While we strive for fairness and accuracy in the team formation process, we have received feedback from some NEAHL teams regarding concerns about certain teams not being properly tiered compared to others. Please know that we take this feedback seriously and will be making adjustments for future evaluations in the fall to address these issues.

Overall, we feel that the team formation process was successful, despite some challenges. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation throughout this process.

This year, we were pleased to offer development opportunities for our U9 power skating day and a goalie session. We also received valuable feedback from participants with the Bobcats involvement in our skill development program. Which has led us to focus on providing more skill development sessions for everyone.

We were excited to organize additional development camps this spring, based on the positive feedback we received.

LMHA has been taking the feedback from our coaches and will be organizing a series of coach seminars and information sessions, focusing on enhancing the skills and knowledge of our coaching program. This initiative has allowed us to put more emphasis on the growth and development of our coaches, ultimately benefiting our players and the overall success of our organization.

In addition, we are excited to announce that LMHA will be expanding its efforts in this area moving forward. We are committed to providing our coaches with the necessary resources and support to excel in their roles. As part of this commitment, we have created an opportunity for coaches to access Hockey skill equipment for their on-ice practices. A cage will be built at Archie arena before the start of the 2024/25 season, further enhancing the training environment for our coaches and players.

I am pleased to inform you that Hockey Alberta has granted us the opportunity to participate in the new U13AAA pilot project league for the upcoming 2024/25 season. This is an exciting development for our LMHA players as it will provide them with a pathway to the elite stream program.

As my first year as General Manager of Lloydminster Minor Hockey comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past season. Stepping into this role was both challenging and rewarding, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead such a dedicated group of individuals.

Overall, I believe that this past year was a positive step forward for our organization. However, in order to continue our progress and strive towards becoming one of the best minor hockey programs in Alberta, it is essential that we focus on improving our communication and maintaining a positive outlook in all aspects of our operations.

Throughout the season, I have observed numerous opportunities for growth within our program, from coaching development to player advancement. I am encouraged by the passion and commitment demonstrated by our members to continually strive for improvement and excellence.

I am pleased to report that our teams have performed admirably this season, showcasing a high level of competitiveness and sportsmanship both on and off the ice. Your dedication and teamwork have not gone unnoticed, and I am confident that with continued effort, we can further elevate the success of Lloydminster Minor Hockey.

Thank you for your support and collaboration throughout this past year. I look forward to working together to build upon our achievements and make LMHA a premier hockey organization in the province.

Thank you,
Dan Auchenberg
General Manager