

Lloydminster Minor Hockey

U15/U18 Female Director

Annual Report 2023/24

U15/U18 Female divisions seen an added team in the U15 division this year at the 'B' level. U15 had one 'AA' and three 'B' teams this year. The U18 division had one 'B' team but it was over-rostered.

Evaluations were a little disorganized as I wasn't made aware of whether I would be getting the outside evaluators for them or having to get people to evaluate on my own. In the end, I ended up doing the evaluations myself with the help of Steve Gehlen. The teams ended up very even with all three teams finishing within 5 points of each other in the standings. Evaluations weren't necessary in the U18 division with only one team. These ice slots were used for practice time for that group.

The home tournament was a big success. All teams had nothing but positive feedback and parents were more than willing to help out in order to get this home tournament. The 4th Meridian Female Classic is a tournament that a lot of teams look forward to coming to. We had all three U15 B teams and our U18 B team host this year.

The biggest concern from parents is at the U15 B level. It's a case of U15AA or bust. Having three teams this year at the B level, really spread the top talent very thin on each team. The floor to ceiling on each team was pretty drastic and didn't allow for the top players to have much for equal skilled players to play with as each team had two or three top end players that were bubble kids on the AA team. The biggest concern at the U18B level was the oversized roster which is hard to get away from at that level.

With the new FSL league trying to make through roads in Lloydminster, I think we should look at as many 'A' options as possible to try and limit the girls that think about making the switch over. This concern of U15AA or bust is not a new concern and it will continue to be a concern going forward at this level.

Development is also an avenue most parents are interested in doing more of. I believe power skating and shooting camps would definitely be the most needed at the female level.

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