

Lloydminster Minor Hockey

U9 Director

Annual Report 2023/24

U9 saw a drop in number of teams, going from 6 Major, 7 Minor and 3 Female to 6 Major, 5 Minor and 3 Female for the 23/24 Season.

Evaluations went well, I did here that there was one team in the minor division that was a bit weaker than the rest but overall all of the teams seemed to be relatively even across both divisions.

Tournament was a success, previous year we had some Tier 1 teams out of Saskatchewan that were too good and did not make for enjoyable games. We had a better screening process this year and I did not hear any complaints from out of town teams or our own. Have chatted with Tracy and will take over the vetting process for allowing teams into our tournament for next year.

Full Ice was a huge success, couple of minor adjustments made along the way but nothing but positive feedback for full ice. In saying that, there are some concerns with the 1st years having to go back to half ice for the first half of the new year. I am assuming this will be a message across the province and am predicting full ice for the full year in the near future.

Biggest concern from parents is development, hoping to get a power skating instructor out to each team 2-3 times a year as I feel this is the most important type of development for this age group. It needs to be more than once a year though to be successful.

Also would like to keep having the Development skates randomly throughout the year for those that want it to have another avenue other than IHD.

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