

Player Development Report 2020-21

In a revolving – evolving ‘pandemic’ season we should be ecstatic that we were able to return to the ice in any form, admittedly a different way than we were all accustomed to.

Stepping on the ice was a **VICTORY** for the entire association, a huge Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen at every level.

Player Development

Although our player development looked different this season as we followed the guidelines provided from OPH and RO to return to the ice.

How our athletes and association developed differently in our unique year.

- We had more parent and guardian involvement as we reached out with our reduced membership and received more help both on ice and with Covid leads to help each pod offer a safe practice environment. Thank you!!
- Our athletes learned to prepare prior to their ice times – dressing at home was a reminder of being prepared and when preparation should start – remembering a mask but forgetting a stick or skates also had a lesson to it!
- The continued monitoring of required changes both from OPH and RO taught our athletes versatility, commitment and dedication not only to the sport but to each other.
- The modified play introduced from RO also gave us a platform to mix our players in different age groups and skill levels
 - o This was great for all players, it pushed some – it helped some and it showed inclusion and respect at all levels
 - o Players were able to ‘play’ with different players and even friends they have not been able to do so in normal years, this also added to everyone’s development and character
 - o Players also received new and different (in some cases) coaching voices – new ideas – a different way of explaining concepts – new drills all part of the development and understanding of the game
 - o I would also add this also applied to Coaches – I know I was on the ice with coaches that I may not have had an opportunity to have been in a typical season – my concepts and drill binder is pretty full now (plus way too many zoom hours on coaching concepts that I care to admit)

In Summary

We are a small association that divided and conquered within the given parameters allowed and were able to return to the ice.

Ringette is a FUN, FAST and amazing game for our children to have, however it is a game and we as parents and guardians all love to see the skills and the game sense but all our efforts collectively in the end we are helping to developing people – whether it is for their first job or post-secondary school. I don't think there could be a year or season that could help develop life skills while playing a game then the season we just had – truly a life lesson for all of us.

We wore these



Soooo we were able to do this



I'm sure everyone is Looking forward to seeing this again soon!!!



