



PAYS A AGM

Technical director's report – October 9th, 2024.

During the Indoor season 23/24 we had the biggest number registered kids in PAYS A history, there were 904 players from Prince Albert and First Nation Bands. That was more than 20% increase than the previous year. It was extremely challenging to make the schedule since our Celtic program also had more than 170 kids involved.

Our House league teams started on time and as planned. Having one age group coordinator for all ages helps a lot. We want to thank Trina Bell, age group coordinator, for doing great job! We made all our HL teams with the maximum number of players per team, to avoid any problems. Therefore, if players did not show up and the rosters were short for House league coaches, games still could be played. Three younger age groups teams from First Nation's bands decided to quit in the middle of the season due to low interest and that caused us few days of problems. We adjusted our schedule and after that, there were no problems at all.

Celtic program did really well and I am satisfied with the results the Celtic teams made. There is always room for improvement and we will do whatever we can to correct some details that went wrong. For a community the size of PA, I am very satisfied of the results they made. There were definitely great results that we all must be proud of. We appreciate the hard work and dedication from our Celtic coaches.

The Celtic goalkeeper Academy ran every Friday night, which is free for all Celtic goalies. This year beside goalie camp, at the same time we have a program called Celtic training. This is for the players who did not make Celtic team but are looking to improve their skills age (U9 and U11), or any other interested player willing to learn.

Spring House league started like usual in May 1st. We had almost 990 players registered. That is a decrease of 15% than previous season. The only reason for smaller numbers is because new City's Non resident fee of \$75. That is why two First Nation Bands decided not to participate or to have less registered kids. There were 5 First Nation Bands involved (Montreal lake, Sandy lake, Mistawasis, Sturgeon lake and Beardys).

For the second year, we used the new fields behind AJF to full capacity which was really successful having so many players at one location. On Mondays and Wednesdays we definitely had more than a 1000 people (players, parents, siblings, relatives)

Presently, we have 15 Celtic teams formed with almost 190 players, they will start practices October 15th. We are looking forward to them to participating in many tournaments. Once again, PAYSA will host our own Melba Jenkins Memorial tournament November 8-10th, hopefully we will have enough teams registered to be able to have games in each division.

Thomas McIntosh will be our new Club Manager and the Club structure will be differently organized. At this time, Thomas, Mitzi (our outgoing office manager) and I are confident things are well prepared and safely running for this Indoor season.

Mitzi Pytlak will be leaving the office this Friday and I would like to say she did an amazing job and it is very much appreciated. Thanks for all help she was providing in previous years.

At the end, I would like to thank the PAYSA president, all the Board members, referee assignor and age group coordinator and all our volunteers for their hard work during the last year.

Have a great indoor season and good luck to everybody.

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