



## PAYS A AGM

### Technical Director's Report – October 26th, 2022.

The 2021-22 indoor season was very challenging due to continued Covid restrictions (mandatory mask and vaccination). We had 594 players involved in indoor House League and close to 150 players involved in Celtic program.

Even with this challenge, our House League teams started on time. Having one age group coordinator for all ages and being able to see her every day, helps a lot. We want to thank Trina Bell for doing great job! We made all our HL teams with the maximum number of players per team to avoid any problems if players did not show up and reduce short rosters for HL coaches. However, due to the Covid, some First Nation Bands did not have enough players due to the building vaccination rule and therefore then joined a bit later. That is the reason they could not show up for their games at the beginning of the season. We reacted quickly and adjusted our schedule unfortunately a couple of times.

Celtic teams 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. But for a community the size of PA, we all must be very satisfied of the results they made. We achieved 26 gold or silver medals in the tournaments, four Provincials medals and our U17 boys playing in the PSL finals. This is definitely something that we all must be proud of. We appreciate the hard work of our Celtic coaches to achieve all of that.

The Celtic Goalkeeper Academy ran every Friday night, which is free for all Celtic goalies. This year, besides goalie camp, at the same time, we have a program called Celtic Training. This is for the players who did not make a Celtic team but are looking to improve their skills.

Spring House League started like usual in May and hope continue as scheduled. We had more than 900 players registered. There were six First Nation Bands involved (Big River, Montreal Lake, Sandy Lake, Mistawasis, Sturgeon lake and Beardy's). We also had two teams from Melfort who took part in U9 and U11 divisions.

The best news was that for the very first time, we started using the new fields behind AJF which was really successful having so many players at one location. It was a huge achievement for our Club to have finished that project.

Presently, we have nine Celtic teams formed with about 170 players, they started practices October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to them participating in many tournaments. Once again, PAYSА will host our own Melba Jenkins Memorial tournament November 11-13<sup>th</sup>. We already have enough teams registered to be able to have games in each planned division.

Another goal for PAYSА this past year was to apply for our Level 1 in the Canadian Soccer Licensing Program. This will provide our teams the opportunity to play at the highest level for years to come.

At this time, Mitzi (our office manager) and I are confident things are well prepared and safely running for this Indoor season.

Organizing House League for spring 2022 (U13 to U19), there will be only mixed teams. I really think that is the best option, easier for everybody to make teams and have enough numbers in all age division.

At the end, I would like to thank the PAYSА president, office manager, 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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