



PAYSA AGM

Technical director's report – October 24th, 2023.

The 2022-23 indoor season was the Club's since Covid in 3 years. We had more than 740 players involved in indoor House league and close to 150 players involved in the Celtic program. That is an increase of 22% from the previous 2021/22 season.

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 for doing a 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 reduce short rosters for HL 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. I reacted quickly and adjusted our schedule. After that, there were no problems at all.

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. For a community the size of PA, I am very satisfied with the results they made. We achieved 49 gold or silver medals in the tournaments and 5 Provincials medals (2 Gold and 3 silver). These are 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)

Spring House league started like usual in May 2nd. We had 1145 players registered. That is an increase of 27% than previous season. There were 6 First Nation Bands involved (Big River, Montreal Lake, Sandy lake, Mistawasis, Sturgeon lake and Beardys). 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 to full capacity which was really successful having so many players at one location. It was a huge achievement for our Club to have finished that project. On Mondays and Wednesdays, we definitely had more than a 1000 people (players, parents, siblings, relatives)

Presently, we have 14 Celtic teams formed with about 190 players, they started practices October 11th. We are looking forward to them participating in many tournaments. Once again, PAYSА will host our own Melba Jenkins Memorial tournament November 10-12th, we already have enough teams registered to be able to have games in almost each division.

PAYSА is proud to announce we have been awarded the designation of Member Association Level 1 in Canada Soccer's Club Licensing program. Canada Soccer and SSA made the announcement on Wednesday, March 15th. This process was a yearlong with coaches, Board members and Staff dedicating time to getting this accomplished. PAYSА would like to say big THANKS to everyone who helped.

We are excited to be awarded level 1, which will give our teams the opportunity to compete at the highest level of competitions as required by SSA.

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

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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