

2024 U11 Director Report

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I was nominated and elected as the U11 Director at the 2023 AGM, after 2 seasons of coaching in the U11 division. Having some but very limited exposure to the board of directors prior to accepting my role, I wasn't entirely sure what to expect. I had the pleasure of getting to know the rest of the directors in various capacities along with several coaches and players.

Over the past year I have had the pleasure of getting to know a ton of Rage families, through special events, general inquiries or simply just being at the rink. Sitting as a director has tightened my love for this organization, its families, players and volunteers.

Over the past years we have successfully launched a handful of various fundraising efforts such as custom rage croc jibbits, and the inaugural welcome back parents' night, both of which I was fortunate to be a part of in some capacity. I also had the pleasure of supporting other Rage events such as *Rage Days* and the *David Fehr Memorial tournament*. Currently focusing my most recent efforts on a parade entry for the 2024 Airdrie Santa Claus parade and completing a AGLC Casino application.

I take a great deal of pride for the organization and those in it. With hopes of staying involved on the board of directors I would like to see our footprint in the communities we serve grow, increasing our registrant numbers and bringing the fantastic sport of lacrosse to those who haven't had the previous exposure.

After a significant injury to a U11 player during playoffs this year, injury tracking and player safety has been front on mind. As we move into the 2025 season and I plan to continue to look for opportunities to make the game safer for athletes and ensure we manage injuries, to avoid reoccurrence and ensure player welfare.

Thank you for letting me be part of the 2024 campaign. I look forward to what 2025 brings for Rockyview Rage Lacrosse Association.

Gratefully,

Gerald Warriner

U11 Director