



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR: Coach Director	REPORT DATE: 2024-11-24
PERSON REPORTING: Breanne Brown	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON? Yes

This year RAB changed how the Vulnerable Sector checks are to be submitted by team staff by asking everyone to submit to their RAMP registration under the VSS tab. This has required the Coach Director to go into RAMP and confirm or deny the submitted documentation. There has been lots of communication to ensure people were aware of the process, but most certainly this should be updated in the Coach/Manager Handbook. RAB has been completing spot checks and providing coach directors with a percentage of progress this year unlike previous years where there was no checking. This year five screening committees were required for coaching staff. November 15th was the final date to have VSS submitted or the team staff are not allowed near the players until that is completed. Currently, there are still six team staff who have not submitted their vulnerable sector checks.

It was helpful having the NCCP number as a mandatory field in team staff registration this year, however, some individuals entered the incorrect number. This should improve for next year. It would be helpful for the registrar to have RAMP remove the ability for team staff to add team staff to their roster. This requires ongoing auditing by the Registrar and myself to ensure we're capturing all team staff for VSS and education.

The Coach / Manager meeting was held on 2024-09-18 which included SGRA Board representatives to present and answer questions. The importance of this meeting should be stressed next year for all head coaches, managers and division directors.

This year we have:

- 18 head coaches;
- 19 managers (one team is co-managed);
- 1 trainer;
- 105 assistant coaches / on ice helpers;

- 33 junior coaches.

This is a total 174 people the Coach Director has had to work with to get them registered in RAMP for insurance, verify their vulnerable sector checks, and ensure completion of the proper coaching courses for their role/level. There is ongoing explanations and quality control going on behind the scenes as RAB requires training to be completed by December 15th.

SGRA hosted Community Sport Initiation (CSI) here in Spruce Grove on 2024-10-20 and the Competition Intro (CI) will be held starting 2024-12-06 to 08. SGRA also paid for the Hockey Share program for all Head Coaches except for one who uses another program to find drills and prepare practice plans. Mel Thomas was also brought in on November 24th as a train the trainer for coaches.

This year it was helpful to create a WhatsApp chat group for head coaches to be able to communicate and get quick answers when needed from each other and the board. I would recommend this again for next year.

SGRA should continue to look for experienced players who want to return to coach. This has proven to be invaluable.

The volunteer appreciation event is being held on November 28th this year to include SGRA board, head coach and one additional team member.



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POSITION REPORTING FOR: U14 Director	REPORT DATE: November 24, 2024
PERSON REPORTING: Michelle Thoben	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Maybe

Session 1 update:

U14AA – current session 1 record is – 4W; 3L; 1T

U14A – current session 1 record is – 1W; 6L; 1T

U14C – current session 1 record is – 8W; 0L; 0T

Some points from Team coaches:

U14AA

- Team is happy with season so far.
- 16 is too big for team size – strong players end up with less ice time; practices – players stand around longer waiting to do drill
- No concern about teams they are playing against
- Full ice practices are perfect for AA development
- Goalie - SGRA has organized goalie sessions, which is great. However, our goalie has expressed that, while she likes the goalie focused practice, they're not incredibly helpful for AA caliber and helping her work on the more advanced things she wants to work on. We're struggling to get volunteer goalies to have the time to come help her at our practices. Not sure if we can come up with a solution to create a more advanced goalie sessions for high caliber goalies to attend. Maybe a collaboration with other associations and all AA goalies can attend in the area? Just a thought.

U14A

- Comments about UAA scores brought up with Red Deer team – are the scores public knowledge to teams? Red Deer made comments that their teams UAA scores are better than SGRA AA team yet they are playing an A team. Not sure how this all works.
- Team size is too large – same concerns as AA.
- Goalies – plans for next year? Just wanted to bring it up so we can look at the girls coming up next year, or will be second years and make sure we are coaching or planning for goalies next year.

U14C

- Coach has not replied to my request – my assumption all is good.
- RAB has recommended this team re-tier to B.



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POSITION REPORTING FOR: Sweetheart Tournament	REPORT DATE: November 2024
PERSON REPORTING: Tiffany Zender	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: YES

- All brackets have been filled
- A list of accepted teams can be found on the SGRA website at...
<https://www.sprucegroveringette.com/content/sweetheart-accepted-teams>
- U16AA may need to drop out of tournament due to possible schedule conflict with Session 3 and Provincials.
- U10 Step 1 bracket may have a change if Drayton Valley gets moved to Step 2. Leduc has agreed to take their place if this occurs.
- All payments have been received except for Red Deer U10 Step 2-2. They sent a cheque in the mail; perhaps it will arrive after Canada Post strike ends.
- Bank drafts from teams that were declined have been sent back to these teams.
- Player bag swag has been ordered and has arrived. Will order heart glasses and candy hearts as well.
- Medals have been ordered.
- NRL Game will be held on Saturday night of the tournament. We are still working out details. Working with Ringette for all to do a pregame skate.
- Donations are coming in for the tournament, but we could use some help. If you have a personal contact at a business that you could reach out to, please let us know.
- Registration Cheques are ready to deposit.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR: Fundraising	REPORT DATE: November 25, 2024
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PERSON REPORTING: Tiffany Zender	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?:
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- Application for Raffle was submitted via e-mail October 4 and \$150.00 payment was mailed.
- communication from AGLC on October 10 stated SGRA had not submitted reports for our Bingo or Casino activity for last season.
 - Sarah found this information and submitted it to AGLC. – Thank you, Sarah!
- Communication from AGLC on November 1st stated that raffle rules, financial controls, raffle ticket proof, promo activities, and raffle license application was not submitted.
 - I forwarded them my original submission again which contained all of this information.
 - Communication from AGLC on November 8 stated they had reviewed our raffle application, and just needed a few clarifications which I submitted that day.
- I sent an email to AGLC on November 22 asking if they could confirm all information needed was received; however, I have not received a response.
- Team managers and Division Directors have been given instructions on collecting fundraising deposits.
 - One \$200 payment is to be collected per family.
 - If multiple players, payment to be submitted to the oldest player’s team.
- Team managers and Division Directors given access to their team’s Raffle Tracking sheet on Google Drive.
 - They are to ensure fundraising payments are recorded by December 1st.
 - This way I can see which players have siblings in other teams, and give out the proper amount of tickets to each team.
- Hopefully we will receive our license in December. I would like to have tickets in the hands of the membership prior to Christmas break.
- Currently, the draw scheduled for February 14 at the Sweetheart tournament.



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POSITION REPORTING FOR: U10 Director	REPORT DATE: Nov 25 th 2024
PERSON REPORTING: Allison Wilson	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

Late registrants after intial team formation: 4

Total AS: 1st session: 20, 2nd Session: 19
Total U10: 66 players

Issues addressed:

- Broadmoor Rink with SPRA used full ice rules for our Step 2's. BGL clarified that HALF ice rules to apply for all League games. Referees also confirmed same.
- Step 2 teams curious on exhibition games using full ice during session 2 to prepare players for full ice rules. Advised to use practice time with other Step 2 team for full ice scrimmages to prep whenever they feel is appropriate.
- Late registrants accepted by all teams. Thank you to our coaches for making these players feel so welcome.
- Game cancellations due to weather/roads clarified with teams for future reference using BGL operation manual and provided steps on who to contact regarding any games unplayed due to bad conditions.
- Reached out to Coaches and Managers if needing any issues addressed during our SGRA board meeting. Waiting to hear.

Coaches and players seem to be doing very well. Step 3 team won 5/6 games. Well done!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR:

U12 Director

REPORT DATE:

Nov 26, 2024

PERSON REPORTING:

Leeam Freadrich

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?:

Yes

U12A – Team is off to a good start, they brought home the gold from the Lonnie Krahn tournament winning in OT. In BGL play they're 3-4-1 and middle of the pack. Next tournament for this team is the Fort Sask Diamond Ring.

U12B – Sounds like the team is also off to a good start having lots of fun. They took part in the Turkey Ring going 1-2 and the Jingle Ring going 1-3. Their full time goalie, has switched to part time. In BGL play they're 3-5 and are in the bottom end of a very large pool. It should be split to Black and Gold subdivisions.

U12C – This team has had a rough start with a lot of new players that have never played full ice. They've managed to get one win and a tie and continue to develop. They participated in the Platinum Ring and went 0-3-1. Their next tournament is the Red Deer Friends on ice. In BGL play they're 1-7 and getting out scored 36-118. This pool could use a Black and Gold division as well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR:

U16

REPORT DATE:

November 27, 2024

PERSON REPORTING:

Kelly Lang

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?:

yes

U16AA

- Currently 4th in the standings with 8 games played, 3 wins, 4 losses, 56 goals for and 47 goals against.
- Team acknowledged a slow start attributed to player chemistry and new player positions. They appear to be settling in.
- They have applied for special exemption to attend a 6th tournament as there is possibility that they may not be permitted to play in the Sweetheart Tournament as session 3 games will be needed to be completed. We are looking into including session 3 games as team included in the sweetheart and considering all possibilities to accommodate our U16AA to participate in the Sweetheart
- U16A
- Currently 6th in the standings with 8 games played, 0 wins, 8 losses, 19 goals for and 67 goals against.
- There were rumours that this team may be look to re-tiered to B, which will NOT occur
- Coaches discussion raised concerns regarding roster sizes, player evaluations, player performance and team expectations. Coaches have made changes to encourage

athlete development, team strategy and feel they are close to turning the corner. They won Bronze this past weekend in Edmonton Silver Ring

U16B

- Currently 5th in the standings in a large division with 7 games played, 3 wins, 4 loses, 29 goals for and 43 goals against. Due to the past weekend storm, team did not travel to Lacombe for a session game and will be rescheduling it at a later date.
- Team has not provided feedback.