

Director U15 Year end report

Again this season we evaluated our goalies using Dave Stathos and his fantastic group of instructors/evaluators. I spent many hours working on the evaluation process for U13/ U15 and 18 for our goalies to ensure that we were running the best evaluation for them. The process was excellent and went so smoothly and I hope that the association continues to evaluate the goalies using this method.

Our U15 players were sorted into 1 A and 3 B teams this season.

Our U15A battled for top spot and ended up in overtime for the league championship and lost a hard fought battle. Thank you to coach Mark Wilson for a wonderful season!

U15B1 coached by Eric Albert had a solid season and was in the top part of Division 1 most of the season. Thank you Eric to you and your team for a great season!

U15B2 won the Division/Tier 2 championship! Congratulations to all of the players and coaches on the huge win! We are very proud of you all!

U15B3 coached by rookie coach Amanda Lauzon finished as the least penalized team in all of the GHA which is a pretty impressive accomplishment. Well done and thank you Amanda and your bench staff for being wonderful mentors to your players!

As we wrap up the season and I say goodbye to my 5 years of being a Director and Executive, I would like to take a quick moment to say thank you!

Thank you to the parents who enrolled your players in our association and who trusted us! You put up with my large amounts of emails during sort outs and you were patient when I am sure you just wanted it to be over.

Thank you to the Executive, past and present who helped me with sort outs, advice and shared their expertise with me. We accomplished SO MUCH and I am so proud that we did it united, no fighting and a hell of a lot of laughter! I can't wait to see what the new Executive accomplishes!

To the coaches and volunteers, without you I could not have run sort outs or 5 successful seasons. THANK YOU for the long hours, the copious amounts of emails and texts and thank you for your support! You guys are truly the best!

To the players, thank you for showing up with your smiles and your friendly hellos every session! You guys made those long hours worth it!

To the new executive and the new Director of U15 (whoever you may be) please remember why we do this! We all have a reason that we volunteer and for me it was to ensure that all kids were treated fairly, that everyone was evaluated fairly and equally and that players were being placed where their skill level was and not because of who their friends or parents were. I am proud of the changes I made (hiring of Dave Stahtos to do goalie evaluations) bringing in additional GHA members to help with close and tough evaluations and fighting so hard when I knew we didn't have enough kids to form a C team one season that I brought in GHA members to evaluate the potential C team and ultimately for the first time in years, there were no kids placed in C and those kids flourished in B!

Kids are only kids for so long so let them play the game they love and leave the politics out of it! I wish the new executive success!

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you all at the rink next season, looking relaxed and stress free and as a happy hockey mom 😊

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