

Eastend Storm U18/21 Level Director's Report 2026/27

U18 consisted of 111 registrants (102 players and 9 goalies). We had 2 A teams which contained 2 goalies per team, and 5 B teams with one goalie each.

Sort outs started September 18th with Rust Offs. We ran 3 further scrimmage evaluations and 7 hours of balancing games for a total of 22 sort out hours! We also used Dave Stathos Goalie Performance Center to assist us with our goalie evaluations. The season started on October 15th with our first game.

U18 B was rejigged in January and resplit into a new B1 and B2 based on standings from December 8th. To place teams, the win% column was used (total points/games played times 2). We therefore started the new year with 4 teams in B1 and 1 team in B2. It appeared to me that all teams had a fun season (with much thanks to our Coaches, bench staff and Managers) with many tournaments attended including Shawville, Brockville, Cobden, North Bay and Hawkesbury.

Our A2 team won our first ever U18 EEMH championship.

New Eastend Storm U18 sort out jerseys have been ordered and will be ready for next season!

There are 11 A teams and 24 B teams within the GHA.

U21 was successful in hosting 2 teams this year! We had 33 players and 4 goalies. We started with a scrimmage on September 13th to get everyone back on the ice again, and our first balancing game the next day. We ran 2 more hours of scrimmaging and one further balancing game on the 25th and finalized the teams after that. The season started October 16th for both teams in a faceoff against each other at Earl Armstrong. I might add B2 won that game, however it was B1 that won in the same faceoff for the final championship. Many thanks to both Coaches and all support staff for a great season.

There is a total of 9 U21 teams in the GHA.

With such success this year, the large teams and increased interest, we are contemplating a 3rd team for next season. This is to allow anyone aged U21 the opportunity to play further seasons of minor hockey in their community. Further decisions will be made closer to the start of next season based on registration numbers.