

## Chebucto Minor Hockey Recreation 'C' 2024-25

We had another great year in Rec C at Chebucto! This was my 12th year coaching at CMH and my 4th year as VP Recreation.

A special thanks goes out to several people who were incredibly helpful and, as always, went above and beyond for Chebucto: **Bryan Esbaugh, Craig Messervey, Paul Hunt**, and, of course, our **Ice Schedulers**. A very special thank you to our Rec C Coordinator, **Suzanne Warner**, Chebucto's Volunteer of the Year, for her many years of dedication and contribution to our program!

Again this year, we continued our approach to pre-season team selection & balancing. With the help of our President, EVP, VP Competitive, and Technical Director, our competitive team rosters were created with careful attention to Recreation team numbers at all age levels. This plan ensured that all teams at Chebucto had reasonable roster sizes. Rec C teams were capped at a reasonable number of players and included at least one full-time goaltender. In addition, having our Technical Director's expertise available for pre-season evaluations, team balancing, and in-season programming continues to be a significant advantage for Rec C.

This year, we had 11 Recreation C teams across various age levels, with several teams advancing to the semifinals and championship games in their respective divisions. We also enjoyed success at several tournaments entered by our Rec C teams.

Our three U11C teams had a fun and successful season. The **U11C Hurricanes** and **U11C Storm** both advanced to the Gold Division semifinals. The **U11C Lightning** had a tougher season, but made the most of every opportunity. Congratulations to all the players and coaches!

We also had three U13C teams. The **U13C Warriors** advanced to the Silver Division final but came up just short in a hard-fought one-goal game. The **U13C Chargers** reached the Gold Division semifinals, while the **U13C Attack** battled hard throughout the season. Great job by all teams!

Our two U15C teams had a challenging start to the season, but both groups of players and coaches put that behind them when it mattered most. The **U15C Avalanche** and **U15C Warriors** faced each other in the semifinals; the **U15C Avalanche** advanced to the Bronze Division final.

Both U18C teams had an exciting year. The Thunder and Chill met several times for amazing back and forth battles. The **U18C Chill** defeated the **U18C Thunder** in the Nova Scotia Tri-Regional Exhibition Series Tournament final, while the **U18C Thunder** later earned a trip to the Silver Division final after defeating the **U18C Chill** in the semifinals. It was a great season for these two outstanding teams.

This year, we also continued practices for our U18C program. Finding ice time remained a challenge, but we successfully implemented a rotation schedule that we expect will continue to improve in the future.

And finally, our champions: ***U23C Atlantics***. This is a fantastic division that allows young adults to continue playing organized minor hockey. The team was strong all season and captured their *3rd consecutive U23C MMHL Championship* under coaches ***Peter Jollimore*** and ***Mike Beamish***, who are longtime Chebucto volunteers.

It takes many people to run a successful minor hockey program. I would like to personally thank all of the coaches, managers, and parents who supported our teams throughout the season. Without your commitment and dedication, none of this would be possible.

Thank you for another great season, and I hope to see everyone back next year!



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