

## Technical Director 2025 Annual Report



- **Checking Clinic** - 22 skaters registered and 19 attended. Information has been sent to HNS. Will look to do a 2nd clinic in August if interest is there. Numbers are consistent with last year. Majority of players were AA,A,B players.
- **April Spring Camp update:**  
Spring hockey grossed just under 15K this year and provided close to 50 hours of development. Younger age groups continue to fill. U13,15,18 had to be combined as there are a lot of spring options out there. Majority of players are A,B and C level which is great to see we can offer a spring option for these players.
- **U7** - A great year and well run by former Hawk, Liam Oxner. Lots of positive comments from parents and coaches on his on ice demeanour with the kids and willingness to work with the coaches. Thank you to Jordan Udle for a great job organizing. We have some initiatives we will be implementing next yr to get more kids in the goalie position at U7 and U9 including some summer goalie sessions to try and keep the momentum building at the goalie position.
- **U9** overall has been a successful year on ice. Thank you Rob for all your hard work. Everything was meticulously organized!
- **First Assist Program** Big thanks to all the teams, parents and coaches for making sure we had volunteers each week.
- **U13 AAA Atlantics** – Initial planning stages but there is interest from the team to bid on this next year. We have ice secured at SMU and it would be a good yr to bid as the team should be strong.
- **Wednesday Goalie Sessions** wrapped up late March. Thanks again to Brad and his Empire Goaltending team. Always a well attended session. Had some really good uptake in the second half of the season with younger goalies which is a positive sign.
- **U11/U13 3v3 tourney** was a great event this year and we will bring this back again next yr. I will work to get ice time Nov 11<sup>th</sup> again this coming year.
- **Power skating** – There seems to be an appetite for this at the lower levels. I will work with ice coordinator to see if we can somehow carve out some ice time for this in the fall.
- **Player evaluations** – Most teams have completed and will keep on file.
- **Bauer First Shift** – We have signed up to run this beginner program. We will be looking for on and off ice volunteers this fall. More info coming once dates are finalized.
- **Summer Ice** – No ice this summer. Arenas are all taking out ice pads (Civic, Bedford) to repair the concrete.
- **PD Day Sessions** – Were well received and will look to book ice again for next yr once the HRCE schedule is released for next school year.
- **Ice Shortages** - Working through contracts now for next year and ice continues to be removed from our association by HRM. Once HNS gives us the concrete start dates for camps and tryouts I will have the pre season camps announced for registration and begin work on a tentative tryout schedule.

- **Rawk the Rink** went well again this yr with some exciting games. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. We were able to raise around 1500 for our player assistance fund which is awesome. Looking forward to next yrs games.
- Big thanks again to all board members, directors, coaches and volunteers. I appreciate all the time you volunteer to make minor sports happen for the kids. To the directors and board members leaving us, a special thanks for all your time dedicated to the Hawks! Much appreciated!
- **Goaltending** – Some rough estimates on how many goalies we will have next season at each age group (C and Competitive combined)

U11	7 (Could be higher depending on U9s that take up position)
U13	7
U15	9*
U18	12*
*Dependent on U15 Major, High School, U16 Minor tryouts so number could be lower	

- **C Level Teams** – Our C teams had some great success on ice after classification took place. Of note, from talking to Bedford they are going to a tiered approach at C level where players can sign up for practice or no practice for season. Practice will be an additional fee. This is something we explored a couple yrs ago and could potentially help free up some additional ice time.
- **Our U15AA** team pulled off the back to back provincial championship feat this year with a wonderful performance in Yarmouth. I am hopeful that some of these players will get a chance to make the jump to U15 Major next season.
- **U11 Projections for next season.** As a reminder any association over 110 registered players is required to have two AA teams at U11:

DOB	Numbers
2015	79 (5 goalies)
2016	84 (2 Goalie* 15 females)
Total	163

Thank you to all that played a part in this season. Enjoy your summer and see you all next year at the rink!

Tim