

Halifax Hawks: Board Meeting - U7 Halifax Hawks March Update

2024-25 Year-end On-Ice Recap

- Skaters: Each of our 121 skates showed progress throughout the season. Liam Oxner continued to develop a program based on the needs of the skaters and ensured the skaters progressed in the areas of skating, stopping, stickhandling and having fun.
 - In 2024-25 Liam Oxner made it a priority to start each session with power skating.
- Goaltenders: Skaters in Advancing or Intermediate had an opportunity to try goaltending starting in November 2024.
 - We have Qty 2 Full-time Goalies participate each Sunday as Goalie
 - We utilized the min-nets each Sunday to support goalie development
 - Quick-change Equipment was used to ensure we had 4 goaltenders per Sunday
- Coaches: Our on-ice coaching volunteer #s were excellent throughout the season.
 - Volunteer Events:
 - Coaches Scrimmage was held in January followed by an event for volunteers at Freemans. Great opportunity to build stronger relationships among the volunteer coaching staff.

Additional Program Activities:

- Moosehead Mini Games:
 - Halifax U7 participated in 5 Moosehead Games throughout the 2024-25 Season. This allowed 50 of 52 2018 skaters who wanted and were available to participate in the Mini Games to have done so.
- Jamborees:
 - Halifax U7 participated in 5 Jamborees throughout the season. We had approx. 50-60 participants per Jamboree. Our program presented well vs other associations. I am confident our skill development is helping our skaters succeed at U7.
 - Chebucto Early Bird Tournament
 - East Hants Bannister Memorial U7 Jamboree
 - Eastern Shore U7 Jamboree
 - Moosehead Timbits Jamboree
 - Bedford Kids Fight Cancer Hockey U7 Jamboree

2025-26 Recommendations:

- Evaluation Process is fair and appropriate for U7.
 - Continue with this process vs. doing it by Birth Year like some organizations.
 - Recommend we Rate 1-5 vs. 1-3 to help separate players for placement
- Less Skaters per Sessions: 30 Max (5 Groups of 6)
 - Reason: Neutral Zone is too small for 2 Drills to be run successfully
 - Allow to use Neutral Zone for better drills. Skating, Passing.
 - 4 Ice Sessions for U7 (Saturday 7-11)(Sunday AM or Sunday PM)
- Equipment Update
 - Jamboree Jersey – we need 6 sets of 12 jerseys to support the jamborees. The current sets are too large for U7.
- Welcome to Hockey Session
 - Would like to coordinate this with Technical Director and U9 Director and have an Open Session so that New to Hockey Parents can ask questions about Program, Equipment, Rules, Community. Needs to be organized September | October and we would need the Communicate Room at no cost
- Welcome to Coaching Session
 - I would like to coordinate this with Technical Director and Liam Oxner to have an Open Session so that New Coaches can ask questions about expectations, goals and basics of coaching fundamentals such as skating

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