

VP Competitive Report – 2025–2026 Season

The 2025/26 competitive season marked another year of steady growth for our organization, both on and off the ice. Across all divisions, teams demonstrated strong commitment to player development, competitive integrity, and community engagement. While not every season's result is captured by standings alone, the progress in culture, discipline, and organizational maturity was evident throughout the year.

As the season concluded, a recurring theme across divisions was the importance of regularly reconciling team budgets and accounts throughout the season to ensure that any issues or shortfalls are identified early and brought forward for resolution prior to year-end.

TRYOUTS & SEASON START

Tryouts were successfully executed across all competitive teams and levels. Thanks are extended to Tim and the Divisional Directors for their leadership during one of the busiest periods of the season.

Key takeaways:

- The Absences – Sickness or Injury and Appeal policies function effectively. However, an amendment to the Appeal policy was made to clarify the intent of evaluator scores.

COMMON THEMES ACROSS DIVISIONS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

- Player Development & Call-Ups: Maximizing inclusive affiliate opportunities remains a priority.
- Ice Availability: Ice scarcity persists; proactive sourcing is encouraged. This will get worst when HRM renovates the Halifax Forum complex.
- Community Engagement: Teams demonstrated strong character through service initiatives.

SEASON ENDING ACHIEVEMENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

- U13AAA hosted and won the Atlantic Championships, a major achievement both competitively and organizationally.
- U15AA won the Hockey Nova Scotia Provincial Championship for the third consecutive year, reflecting sustained program excellence.
- U15A captured Gold in the Odyssey Bracket at the SEDMHA Tournament.
- U11AA Red won the Provincial Championship following a dominant season.
- U15B Black earned Gold in the Accord Bracket at SEDMHA, defeating U15B Red in an all-Hawks championship final.

CLOSING REMARKS

The 2025/26 season reinforced the strength of our competitive program in development, discipline, and culture. Thank you to all players, coaches, managers, volunteers, and families for their dedication. As this marks my final year serving on the Hawks Board, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and motivated group of professionals. It has been an honour to collaborate with individuals who serve for the right reasons - delivering a memorable minor hockey experience to the HHMHA families, while positively representing the values and spirit of the game we all love.

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