

## **U9 Division Report**

This was my second year being part of U9, but first year as director. This was a challenging year as PCAHA implemented the Major and Minor division of teams. Which gave the teams a feeling of having Rep and House teams. We did have to host several evaluations to divide the players into their teams. This also caused frustration for families that had siblings in the same division as sometimes they were split up.

The Major teams was made up of 4 teams and were led by: Andrew McHugh, Greg Regier, Jon Fowler and Levi Hesketh.

The Minor teams was made up of 4 teams and were led by: Danny Hein, Denis Barthe, Brendan Kroeker and Travis Beck.

## **Division Successes**

Steve Halliday from C5 won U7/9 Assistant Coach of the Year.

C1- Attended Chilliwack Minor Tournament

C2- Attended the Abbotsford Canucks Jamboree and Chilliwack Minor Tournament

C3- Attended Chilliwack Minor Tournament

C4- Attended AMHA Tournament

C5- Attended Surrey Minor Tournament

C6- Attended the Mission Minor Tournament

C7-Attended AMHA Tournament

C8- Attended the Victoria Minor Jamboree as well as Chilliwack Minor Tournament

## **Suggestions for Next Season**

Head Coaches can not head two teams during the season. I would go as far to say that if they Head Coach one team than they need to be 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant coach.

Teams need a solid dependable 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coach to run practices if head coach can't make it. Not fair for teams to have head coaches and 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coaches not being able to make it and then having a coach that is more on the weaker side trying to run a practice.

Explaining the Major/Minor team balancing more in advance to parents as well as in more detail. This was new for us this year so we were learning as we were going, but after doing one season I feel this is somewhere we could do better.

I would also avoid stacking the teams. Allow coaches to have one pick for assistant coach if the player makes it into the same balancing group and possibly manager pick too, but I would avoid allowing the head coach to have all their picks. I understand it is great to have friends play together, but this is also an opportunity to have the kids make new friends.

Lastly make it well known that a player can not play for AMHA and an unsanctioned team during the same season. We had a few players that were affected by this, and it would be great to avoid any confusion or issues before the season starts.

### **Wrap Up**

I would like to end the report with saying that despite the bumps along the way this season I never heard once that the kids did not enjoy themselves. Also, a huge thank you to the coaches and managers. The teams and division could not have happened without them.

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