



2025 - 2026 Director Report

U7 & U9 Divisions

This season concludes my second season as the U7/U9 director for AMHA. I have spent the last four years within our youngest divisions - two as a parent and then two as a director - and it's always an adventure navigating each season.

The Season by the Numbers - U7 & U9 Edition:

- **Number of teams:** 10
- **Number of players:** 245
- **Number of rostered officials:** 98
- **Average ice allocation per team - U7:** 49
- **Average ice allocation per team - U9:** 63

U7

U7 continued to see consistency with ice allocations this year, as in years past. Each team received their weekend development and practice times, along with the rotating weekly practice ice. Our intro to hockey teams accelerated their development with the conversion of their Sunday practice to an extra development slot and both teams joined the minor division by December.

U9

U9 saw significant growth this season in both the number of participants and number of ice times. With the addition of two teams this year, we added another 96 ice slots to the U9 program. This resulted in each team receiving 10 more ice allocations compared to the 24/25 season. We continue to work to add extra development and practices to this age to build a robust U9 program, preparing these players for the transition to U11.

CONGRATS

A big congratulations to our award winners this past season.

- Assistant Coach of the Year: Perry Pugh, U9C7
- Head Coach of the Year: Max Gallant, U7C3

THANK YOU

Leichel Duerksen - Thank you again for being the U7 coordinator this past season. As the front line contact for our newest hockey players, you never know what to expect day in and day out. Thanks for sending out the schedules and coordinating any and all conflicts. Appreciate you!

Shana Evans - Well, what can I say. You were my guiding light 3 years ago when I decided on a whim to join the board with very little knowledge on what to expect. You stuck with me year after year and handled everything so effortlessly when it came to all the emails, conflicts, and all the PCAHA fun that we endured over the last two years. Thank you for all your time you gave me but also all your years within AMHA. As you and Jon "retire" from minor hockey know that your volunteerism was a gift that we truly appreciate.

Coaches, managers, and of course parents. Youth sports takes a village. It's a lot of volunteer hours and sometimes thinking "what on earth did I sign up for", but we continue to show up day in and day out for our kids and a sport that we love. I truly appreciate your patience and feedback as we found our way this season. Every year, our goal is simply to do what is best for the players. Whether we nailed it or learned a lesson, please know it was all done with the kids' experience in mind.

See you at the rink.

Natalie.