



Mount Pearl Blades U15/U18 Director's Report 2022-2023

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U15

The 2022-2023 season saw lower registration this year for the U15 division. We had 43 players and 3 goalies registered which were formed into 3 teams through a draft pick under the supervision of myself and our technical director, Trevor Budgell.

Two of the U15 House League goalies played on the U15B All Star team due to the lack of goalies this season.

Teams:

- 1. The Bigs**
- 2. Sportscraft (Source for Sports)**
- 3. Kenny's Pond Kings**

The 2022-2023 season proved to be a more "normal" season.

Our U15 division continued to participate in the Interlocking House League division, playing against other metro organizations. All three Mount Pearl teams finished in the middle of the standings moving into the year end tournaments. Congratulations to The Bigs team on bringing home silver in the U15 Tier II year end tournament.

Mount Pearl Minor Hockey U15 House League Division was privileged to host the first Clark Howell Memorial Tournament this year. It was a huge success and we raised \$4200 to donate to the Jack Hand Legacy Foundation in Clark's memory. Kenny's Pond Kings progressed to the championship game and brought

home the silver medal! All positive feedback from teams, coaches, parents and the Howell family.

Moving Forward:

- Continued review of the U15 House League division to further develop the skills of all players ensuring the enjoyment of the game.
- Reassess the amount of practices/exhibition games for each team
- Continued focus on coaching development and training through HNL and MPMHA
- Reassess the goalie situation in regards to an All Star B team (full year vs. half season)
- Continue to involve our technical director in assisting coaching staff with practice plans with a selection of skills/drills to help further develop players

U18

The 2022-2023 season had 61 players and 7 goalies registered for the U18 House League division. Players and goalies were placed over 4 teams through a draft pick supervised by myself and Trevor Bugell.

Teams:

- 1. Justin Spurrell Remax**
- 2. Marks**
- 3. Winsor Coombs**
- 4. Universal Corporate Wear**

Again, the 2022-2023 season proved to be a more “normal” season. We were excited to introduce the U18 House League division back to the Interlocking House League after having a couple of years away from this division.

There were a few concerns raised about the U18’s returning to the IHL, however, feedback at the end of the season seemed to be positive from coaches and parents. All four of the Mount Pearl teams finished towards the top and middle of the standings moving into the year end tournaments.

Congratulations to our Marks team on bringing home gold in their U18 Tier I year end tournament.

The Annual Phonse Cup was another successful tournament this season. The four Mount Pearl teams battled one another for the top two spots. Marks and Winsor Coombs played a nail biter of a game resulting in Marks winning the gold. Congratulations to both teams!

Moving Forward:

- Revisit discussions about ordering jerseys for the U18 division which would be included in registration fees and players could keep the jersey at the end of the season.
- Continued focus on coaching development and training through HNL and MPMHA.

Although there were a few hiccups this season, overall, the 2022-2023 season for both U15 and U18 were successful. This season was definitely a learning curve for me and I have learned so much!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that volunteered their time with these two divisions. And thank you to those who helped guide me as I navigated my new role as director. I am certainly looking forward to another successful season next year!

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