



2020-21 U11 Director Report

The truism for this season is that “it was unlike any other”. There were unknowns heading into the season, week-to-week changes and adjustments that needed to be made during the season. The only reason we could run a season this year was because of our many volunteers who stepped up, took courses and gave their time. I want to give a big thank you to all of our coaches, managers, COVID officers and dressing room volunteers. For the coaches it was an especially challenging season to plan so many practices and keep kids interested. I am grateful for your commitment to see the season through! For our managers and covid officers there was lots to navigate with health checks and other covid protocols - thanks for sticking with us through it all and being there for your teams.

In other Provinces and places around the world youth hockey programs experienced significant closures; I do not take it for granted that our kids were able to enjoy hockey this year. I know kids missed being able to play games and it wasn't always easy; thank you to our parents who continued to bring their kids to the rink and support their involvement with AMHA.

This year U11 was overseen by three directors, Luawana, followed by Jodi Visco (interim Director) and myself, Shana Evans (Sept 21, 2020 - Jun 17, 2021).

The season began with all players (124) split into 7 cohorts that practiced together. U11 Tryouts were held from September 25-28, 2020 and run by Mike Gerrits (Rep Tryout Coordinator). I worked to organize volunteers and player check-in with Mandy Gill (VP of Rep). We had 72 players try out for the development A teams.

For the season we had 3 development A teams and 5 recreational C teams. I worked to support managers and teams in general as they certified volunteers, set budgets and team rules, and implemented COVID protocols as they evolved over the season. We were able to schedule a few exhibition games and have some in-house games during the Fall as the health orders allowed. It was great to be able to see and hear of the kids' excitement to play games.

In addition to on-going support of the U11 teams throughout the season, I chaired our Apparel Committee which began meeting in the new year to plan for the 2021-22 season.

I also worked with our U6-9 director to connect with families and brainstorm on how we could create an atmosphere that fosters goalie development and interest in the position. We were able to secure some goalie equipment for a player who wanted to try the position.

I conclude this report full of thankfulness for all on the board and in our general membership who worked hard to make the best of difficult circumstances. Thank you for your graciousness as I stepped into this role.