

2020/2021~Director: U6-9

For the U6-9 divisions, in consideration of the circumstances we faced this season, we can call it a success.

We kicked off our season with a total of 196 new and returning players ages 5-9.

U6: 2 teams

U7: 2 teams

U8: 4 teams

U9: 4 teams

U6 & U7- These were our newest AMHA members and they had a very successful year with Head Coach Chris Price. All of these kids had enormous growth in skating and skill development over the course of the season. Along with Peter Hay Development, we rolled out a very exciting new program called the Jr. Hawks. This program was built to create fun positive first steps. The emphasis of the program was placed on developing skills with similar skilled players at a pace dictated by the players own personal achievements. It was well received, unfortunately we had to run a pared down version, but it gave us a look how the program will run and hoping for a full roll out next season. After player evaluations were completed at the beginning of the season, players were placed into their respective skill groups and remained in those groups for the season.

U8 & U9- At the beginning of our season, players took to the ice for evaluations. Once evaluations were complete, players were placed onto balanced teams. These divisions each played one game before the PHO eliminated game play. Peter Hay Development provided each team with weekly development/instruction which included professional goalie coaches.

Try It Hockey- We were pleased to offer a "Try It" hockey event for children born in 2015 that were interested in playing ice hockey. 20 excited players took to the ice, many of them for the first time.

AMHA successfully ran our U11 Transition Program in February to assist our U9 players in transitioning from cross ice to full ice. The program consisted of 2 hours of on-ice professional instruction for Peter Hay Development.

The U6-9 division is the largest division within AMHA and as a result we also have the greatest number of brand-new Managers, Assistant Coaches and Head Coaches. I would like to thank all our team volunteers who stepped up to assist in a position within their team. Our teams would not exist or be able to run without the countless hours of our volunteers.

I would like to personally thank all the head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, HCSP and Covid officers for all their hard work and dedication on and off the ice. Our programs would not have been successful without your efforts and support. Especially with the addition of all the Covid safety rules.

I also want to thank Amanda Kandler, our U6-9 coordinator for all the help and dedication especially during such a challenging season to ensure that divisions were a success.

To all the families in the U6-9 divisions, thank you! It has been a real pleasure getting to work with you and I look forward to seeing you next season around the rink!

Sincerely,
Michelle Mitchell
U6-9 Director