



U13 Director Report

U13 Division had successes for each team, and the work of the Team Officials made the division run smoothly. Additional parents stepped up to ensure that we had enough hands to meet the demands of the ever-changing Covid requirements so that the kids could play. Amanda Giberson was a first-time coordinator and learned the job on the fly while balancing work, school, and family commitments. It is a challenging position to learn, and I really appreciate her hard work.

Team Successes:

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"I have never been involved with a team so unselfish and excited to share their teammates' successes. I was so impressed with the focus and energy the players brought to the ice times. I really enjoyed every moment I got to spend around this team."

-Head Coach Travis Veldhoen

On the ice...

- Played in Tier 1 Flight 1
- Finished 3rd place in the season (behind the #1 and #2 in the province)
- Played 57 games between league and tournaments and had a record of 42-10-5
- During the season we won a game against Semiahmoo, the #1 team in the province.
- Kamloops tournament - Bronze
- Nanaimo tournament - Gold
- Abbotsford Tournament - Gold
- Presidents Series Champions

Off the ice...

- An amazing group of players who got along very well and were respectful in all our travels.
- Volunteered at the Kettle Bell at High Street and brought in the most donations they have ever received at that location. The boys were respectful, engaging, and a lot of fun with donors.

"A **BIG** thank you to you, the coaches, and the team for helping on the High Street Escalator kettle on Saturday.

The kettle brought in the most that day at \$882. It was also the most we've ever collected at that location. 😊

You guys are SUPERSTARS! ★★ ★

We really appreciate it! Merry Christmas!"

Carolyn Pollard, Community Ministries Coordinator

The Salvation Army Cascade Ministries

Abbotsford & Mission

Parents cheerfully donated their time in team volunteer roles, helping run and host our home Tournament, and hosting the U13 Tier 1 Final Four. We had five parents volunteer to be a part of the Tournament Committee, well above and beyond the required 2. Kyla Baker gave significant time to get the Tournament 50/50 set up so that the U13 teams could donate the proceeds to Archway. We were able to donate \$2225.00 from the tournament 50/50 to Archway. No matter what was needed in the season everyone was there to work together and get it done. I couldn't ask for a better group to work with!"

-Team Manager, Shana Evans

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Coach Andrew Mitchell

- On-ice success - 8-0 record through placement, we moved up 2 flights upon request and finished with the top win/loss record in flight 6 (14-5-1) while finishing second in total points, and then capped our season off with a Presidents Cup trophy (going 6-1 in the series).
- Sportsmanship - During a particularly one-sided game in placement, we were commended by another association (Ridge Meadows) for our conduct in considering the feelings of our opponents in a letter to our president. At the conclusion of our Kelowna tournament, the referee-in-chief praised our players and coaching staff for how we handled ourselves on the bench.
- Off-ice bonding - we built a camaraderie early in the season during a Thanksgiving tournament in Kelowna where players and parents got a chance to get to know each other and strengthen our team as more of a group of friends as the season went on. There were no cliques, no selfish players, and from players to parents to team officials, it really felt like we were all pulling together.
- Helping develop our fellow AMHA members - We opened our proverbial practice doors to affiliate players and had them join us as often as they could. It was known that they were welcome at any and all practices. Our players were welcoming and helpful. If an AP was on our ice, they were one of us off it as well and invited to all off-ice activities.
- Charity - Through our manager and parents, we organized a fundraiser which raised over \$2000 in gifts for a local resource group (Foundry Abbotsford), which provides

services for youth in need. Our team really embraced the effort with every single family on the team participating.

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Coach Dustin McAuley

We definitely had an exciting year. We had a first-year goalie and a few very weak players. Our season did start well as we went 0-6 we then had parents sending emails directly asking that we rebalance. I asked and pleaded that we keep the team the same. We then sat down as a team after one of our losses and had a heart-to-heart. We then all started coming to practice working hard on our skating and gameplay. I told the kids if we all put in the effort we will all see results and man did they come we ended up winning all the rest of our regular-season games and going into playoffs playing unreal we won 5 tied two and lost one against the team we would end up beating to make it to the Fraser Valley east championship we lost a hard-fought game. But as our team we played unreal we also won our gold group for playoffs and won the least penalized team and sportsmanship banner. It was a great season for our team and our coaches and thank you again for the great season.

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Thank you all to the parents I saw at the rink supporting our teams and the positive feedback I received throughout the year as to how happy you were with the work that your coaches and managers did so that the kids could enjoy the game we all love.

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