U11C Year-End Report – 2025-2026 Season

Division Managed

- I managed the U11C division for the 2025-2026 season.
- The division consisted of 6 teams with approximately 16 players per team.
- The division continued to provide a developmental environment focused on skill progression, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game.

Team and Division Highlights

- Oversaw the successful operation of 6 U11C teams throughout the season.
- Celebrated significant success across the division with a total of 4 banners earned:
    - 2 Playoff Banners
    - 1 League Division Banner
    - 1 Team Achievement Banner
- Multiple teams represented the association successfully at tournaments throughout the season, earning:
    - Gold medal finishes
    - Silver medal finishes
    - Bronze medal finishes
- A U11C coach was recognized with the House Coach of the Year award, highlighting the quality of coaching and leadership within the division.
- Continued to provide opportunities for player development and positive hockey experiences across all teams.

Challenges and Areas for Improvement

- Goaltending resources remained a challenge, with insufficient dedicated goalies available to ensure each team had a full-time goaltender throughout the season.
- Continued growth in registration numbers is overall a positive for our organization, however it has meant that it created challenges in balancing team composition, player development needs, and available resources across the division.
- Managing a broad range of player experience levels remained an ongoing challenge within the house hockey model, requiring coaches and volunteers to support both introductory skill development and advanced player progression. Shout to our coaches who did a fantastic job of navigating this challenge!
- Ice availability and scheduling constraints continued to impact program delivery and limited flexibility in practice scheduling. Ice availability and minimal scheduling conflicts are a priority. As an organization, we will continue to find ways to improve this process
- Recruitment and retention of volunteers, including coaches and support staff, remains an important focus to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

Overall Assessment

- Despite the challenges faced, the U11C division had a highly successful season marked by strong participation, player development, competitive success, and positive recognition of our coaching staff.
- The division's banner achievements, tournament successes, and commitment to developing new players demonstrate the continued strength and growth of the U11C program.