U13 A – Year End Report

Division / Area I Manage

- I oversee the U13 A1, A2 and A3 teams within the U13 division.

U13A1

Significant Victories / Highlights

- Battled hard throughout the playoff run and remained competitive in every game.
- Although we did not win the league playoff banner, the team regrouped and refocused.
- Went on to win the **Presidents Series banner**, demonstrating resilience and strong team character.
- The A1 team won the silver medal in both our home Fall Classic Tournament as well as in the Juan De Fuca Tournament.
- The team also won the bronze medal in the Pat Quinn Tournament.
- Players showed consistent development and maturity throughout the season.

Overall Strengths / Positive Outcomes

- Strong team culture built on effort, accountability, and teamwork.
- Coaching stability supported player development and confidence.
- High compete level maintained across the season, especially in playoff environments.
- Positive collaboration with families and strong support for team goals.

Challenges (Structural, Not Individual)

- Balancing competitive expectations with development priorities across the division.
- Managing ice allocation and scheduling during peak playoff periods.
- Navigating league parity and ensuring consistent competition levels.
- Maintaining communication clarity during evaluation and tiering processes.

Looking Ahead

- Continued focus on development alignment across A1, A2, and A3.
- Strengthening early-season evaluation structure and transparency.
- Supporting coaching recruitment and retention for long-term stability.
- Enhancing development pathways to support player progression within the U13 division.

U13 A2

Significant Victories / Highlights

- The team showed **steady improvement throughout the season**, both individually and collectively.
- Competed hard in league play and demonstrated strong resilience in tight games.
- Won the **Gold Medal at the JDF Tournament**, a major highlight and a reflection of the team's growth and effort.
- Players developed confidence, structure, and stronger game awareness as the season progressed.

Overall Strengths / Positive Outcomes

- Strong work ethic and consistent compete level from the players.
- Coaching stability supported player development and team cohesion.
- Positive team culture with strong support from families.
- Noticeable improvement in systems play, positioning, and teamwork.
- Good collaboration across the U13 division when affiliates were needed.

Challenges

- Balancing roster depth and competitive parity within the league.
- Managing ice allocation and practice consistency during peak scheduling periods.
- Navigating evaluation placement concerns and ensuring transparency in the process.
- Maintaining consistent competition levels across the tier.

Looking Ahead

- Continued alignment of development pathways between A1, A2, and A3.
- Strengthening communication and clarity around evaluations and team placement.
- Supporting coaching resources and development tools for next season.
- Building on this year's momentum to further enhance player development and team performance.

Series playoff banner.

U13 A3

Significant Victories / Highlights

- Won the **Presidents Series playoff banner**, a major accomplishment for the team.
- Demonstrated strong growth and resilience throughout the season.
- Moved up in their grouping from last to near the top.
- Players showed steady improvement in skills, structure, and confidence.

- Maintained a positive compete level in both league play and playoffs.

Overall Strengths / Positive Outcomes

- Strong team culture built on effort, teamwork, and perseverance.
- Coaching support contributed to consistent development and improved structure.
- Players adapted well to systems and expectations as the season progressed.
- Families provided strong support, contributing to a positive team environment.

Challenges (Structural, Not Individual)

- Balancing development needs across a wide range of skill levels.
- Managing ice allocation and scheduling during peak season.
- Navigating league parity and ensuring appropriate competition levels.
- Supporting consistency in officiating and game flow across the season.

Looking Ahead

- Continued focus on development alignment across A1, A2, and A3.
- Strengthening early-season evaluation clarity and communication.
- Supporting coaching recruitment and retention for long-term stability.
- Enhancing development pathways to support player progression within the U13 division.