

The year was very challenging to say the least, first with the U18C Coordinator resigning and I stepped into the role. I was told by the coaches and Development Coordinator responsible for the division that these were "unbalanced teams". The President - Ashleigh Turner, Matt Gauld - Development Coordinator for U18, myself and all 5 coaches sat down to discuss our options; whether to start from scratch and do a snake draft or try and move some players around to create more balanced teams. It was decided by all coaches to move some players around versus starting from scratch.

In retrospect and with the experience I've gained over the season, there probably should have only been 4 teams as U18C4 specifically were constantly missing a lot of their top players which impacted the team significantly and they were constantly short players, which was the case with the other teams too from time to time. In U18, many players have part time jobs on top of their schooling, and as such they often have to miss games. This of course can have a huge impact on how competitive the teams can be.

Also the U18C4 coach had to resign from his role unexpectedly. A big thank you to Ryan Hasselman for stepping up as Coach in his absence.

U18C5 also had a challenge in January with one of their top players being moved up to Rep which had a big impact on this team.

U18C2 and U18C3 had much success both winning the League Banner for their tier and U18C1 overall had a great successful year winning Gold in our Remembrance Day Tournament the U18 Gold Classic back in November 2023. Congrats to U18 C3 for winning an award for lowest penalty minutes!

Congrats to all the teams and it was a pleasure working with the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and all the volunteers this season.

Thank you,

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