

U11 End of Year Report

This season, we had over 170 players registered in the U11 division. These players were distributed as follows:

- **NEAHL Teams:**
 - 1 Tier 1 team
 - 1 Tier 2 team
- **City League Teams:**
 - 5 boys' teams
 - 4 girls' teams

NEAHL Teams

Tier 1

The Tier 1 team faced several challenges throughout the season. We struggled to secure a coaching staff early on, and this led to some ongoing concerns and complaints about coaching. Team dynamics were also difficult, with players refusing to play certain positions and one player being removed from hockey for the remainder of the season due to behavioral issues. As a result, the team had a tough year both on and off the ice.

Tier 2

The Tier 2 team had a much smoother season. There were no major issues reported, and the team had a successful year overall.

Tournaments

The NEAHL tournament was well-received and ran smoothly. Scheduling throughout the NEAHL season also went off without significant problems.

City League

The city league season was very challenging from the outset. We faced player movement after team selection, with some players leaving for other organizations. In many cases, we didn't receive confirmation or proper communication about releases, which left two teams particularly affected by the loss of key players. This impacted team performance and morale throughout the season.

Coaching complaints surfaced during the post-season, although they were not widespread.

On the girls' side, all four teams were exceptionally strong. There was significant feedback that the girls' teams were overpowering, especially in comparison to other teams in the league. Based on this, it may be worth exploring the possibility of **tiering** a female team in future seasons if the same level of skill and depth is present.

City Boys' Tournament

The boys' city tournament faced challenges from the beginning. It was a difficult process, and unfortunately, this led to considerable negative feedback, much of which was directed toward me in this role. These issues have already been acknowledged and discussed, so I won't elaborate further here.

Thank you,

Casey