

Pee Wee/U13 Report for the 2020/2021 Season  
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This season was a bit of an unusual season with COVID-19. We were able to start on time with our season but it quickly and continually changed over the course of the season. Having completed the Atom Season previous 2019/2020, I felt equipped to manage this season well despite the pandemic. Before the season officially began and after evaluations, I held a meeting with our head coaches and together with the evaluations, we picked teams blindly based on those numbers, positions etc. That meeting was a great success and I felt the teams were quite balanced myself. We did make a few adjustments which went over well for most parents/players. I am hopeful for a more successful season later this fall and that the kids all return to hockey. I commend everyone involved in this year's season for all the hard work and being able to constantly change the way we ran things. It's a season we will all remember.

Evaluations in September:

We were able to do some evaluations in the beginning to help us place the kids onto what turned out to be 6 teams this season. We had some of the old paper evaluations to give the incoming coaches to help them out. Luckily most coaches are familiar with these kids since they have been volunteering for numerous years now.

Season Format:

This season was unlike last with the pandemic in place. We were able to schedule games early in the season within our two cohorts but that quickly changed with restrictions. For the majority of the season we stuck to practices only. We split our division into 6 teams, then two cohorts following the evaluations. Each group played/practiced within their cohorts for the first half of our season, and we had planned to mix up the cohorts with hopes of playing other teams the second half of the season but that wasn't able to happen with COVID restrictions again. We were just thankful to remain on the ice and get some great coaching for the whole season.

Recruiting Coaches and Management team:

We didn't have any issues getting coaches this season at all. We had approx 3 people per team for coaching. We didn't have any issues recruiting managers for the most part either. It is handy after a couple seasons into this position knowing who is willing to volunteer for what and start this process early.

Year End Evaluations:

Year end evaluations were to be completed online this season, and that was through James. I'm unsure if and who have completed it but am hopeful it was done and makes our whole evaluation process for next season more smooth for all involved. Paper copies weren't ideal if you had multiple kids to evaluate and multiple coaches to review and evaluate. Having this all in one place online for access is ideal.

