

It was another busy and successful year in U9 with 135 registrations, and the requests kept coming! This year we ran six FULL coed teams and two female Lightning teams within the U9 division. We continued to run station-based skill practices and half ice games, dividing players by skill level for both. We continue to find that dividing players by skill to play with similarly skilled players, regardless of their birth year, improves puck touches, self confidence and overall quality of players' hockey experience. Everyone has fun coming to hockey and everyone is getting a chance to shine! The parent group this year was exceptionally positive, grateful and supportive every step of the way, even when things weren't perfect. The positivity was infectious in the dressing rooms and in the stands. We had another fun Family Day Classic Jamboree over family day weekend, and every skater that wanted to attend an out of town jamboree had the chance to do so. That's a wrap for the 2023-2024 season! See you next year.

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