

Leitrim Minor Hockey Association

AGM Package 2025/26

April 26, 2026, 5pm
Lion's Hall



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 Annual General Meeting
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 Agenda

1. Call to Order	Stacey Hall
2. Adoption of previous minutes: AGM April 2025 (as circulated)	Stacey Hall
3. Business arising from minutes	Stacey Hall
4. Presentation of Financial Statements	Jim Young/MJ Kutt
5. Proposed changes to LMHA Constitution and By-laws	Stacey Hall
<p>a) MOTION: Motion to change the below Article in the Constitution to allow for Elected Board Members to continue serving the Board in roles where they are willing and able, with no time-limit on their terms.</p> <p>DOCUMENT: LMHA Constitution</p> <p>ORIGINAL:</p> <p>6.5 An elected board member, if otherwise qualified, is eligible for election to any single office for three (3) consecutive full one-year terms, and thereafter is not eligible for re-election to the same office until a period of eleven (11) months has elapsed from the date of the last service in that office. Exceptions can be made by the Board with an affirmative vote of 2/3 majority if no other nominations are made and board member agrees to serve another term.</p> <p>ARTICLE:</p> <p>6.5 An elected Board Member, if otherwise qualified, is eligible for election or re-election to the same office for successive one-year terms. There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms a Board Member may serve in the same office, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements and are duly elected in accordance with these bylaws.</p> <p>RATIONALE: This amendment removes the three-year term limit for board positions. Board members will still be elected annually, but</p>	

<p>volunteers who are willing to continue serving will no longer be forced to step away after three years. Moved By: Stacey Hall, President Seconded By: Anthony Cotroneo, Vice President Hockey Ops Dated: March 16, 2026 <u>Legend:</u> N/A – Not Applicable – member will not be in attendance and/or not yet appointed N/R – Not Required – report/update is not required at this meeting</p>	
<p>6. VP reports</p>	<p>Jim Young (Finance) Anthony Cotroneo (Ops)</p>
<p>7. Election of Directors and Officers 2026-27</p> <p>Vote by paper ballot (provided); 1 vote per association family.</p> <p>a) President Nominees: Stacey Hall Anthony Cotroneo</p> <p>b) VP Operations Nominees: Mike Webb Nia Bruno-Gibson</p> <p>c) VP Finance Nominees: Jim Young</p> <p>d) VP Admin Nominees:</p> <p>e) Director of Competitive Nominees:</p> <p>f) Director of Development Nominees: Shawn Smail Daniel Belanger</p> <p>g) Director of Discipline Nominees: Sean O’Hagen</p>	<p>Stacey Hall</p>

<p>h) Head Convenor Nominees: Shandeigh Moxness</p> <p>i) Convenor U7 Nominees:</p> <p>j) Convenor U9 Nominees: Tricia Echlin</p> <p>k) Convenor U11 Nominees: Scott English</p> <p>l) Convenor U13 Nominees: Nicole Whitten Ali Madi</p> <p>m) Convenor U15 Nominees: Chris Lamb</p> <p>n) Convenor U18/21 Nominees: Jessica Morris</p> <p>Per LMHA Constitution 6.6.3, Appointments to board appointed positions shall be done by vote of the Elected Board at the first board meeting following the AGM. Per LMHA Constitution 6.6.4, Should no candidates be nominated for an elected or appointed position prior to AGM or in the event of a vacancy, the Board may appoint a Member to fill the vacant position until the next AGM.</p>	
8. New Business	Stacey Hall
9. President's Remarks	Stacey Hall
10. Adjournment	Stacey Hall



Leitrim Minor Hockey Association 2024/25

Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2025; 7pm

Minutes--DRAFT

<p>1. Call to Order Karen Kryviak, Stacey Hall, Jim Young, Kendall G, Jess Morris, Scott English, Nia Bruno, Heather G, Anthony C, Tricia Echlin, Reg McDonald, Mj Kutt, Cassidy Damp</p>	<p>Stacey Hall</p>
<p>2. Adoption of previous minutes: AGM MAY 2023 (as circulated) --with amendment to dates in header # 7 to be changed from 2019-2020 to 23-24 Motion: Anthony Second: Jim PASSED</p>	<p>Stacey Hall</p>
<p>3. Business arising from minutes None to propose.</p>	<p>Stacey Hall</p>
<p>4. Presentation of Financial Statements --# of registrations down; revenue up. Built in fee-subsidy to ensure that balance of account (surplussed since covid) is in deficit to safe amount. --no U12/u18 rep, loss of revenues --PHL 1000\$ sponsorship --U9 jamboree; 14, 400 revenues --Year end party broke even --HEO clinic revenue, 7000\$ --Movement in ice fees, with benefit from unloading some Sensplex ice. --Expenses: merchant fees, room rentals, Quickbooks, team photos (1 yr left of contract with InAction, consider removal of memory mate as cost to association ~11\$) --equipment: ice logos were an unexpected expense, last ~6-7yrs. Will need new ones for Barrett West. --Jerseys: large turnaround last season. Need to build budget line again, projecting over next 5 years, also may be opportunity --HC fees slated for another increase. (~11\$). This was a line of overage in particular with relation to team staff. --Development: u9 focused on goalies, 10000 spent (underbudget). May need to reevaluate this line. Did have a number of free dev options that benefited LMHA. Goal to spend this line. --Reimbursement of Coach Clinics: overspent on Coach 2 certs. --Sort outs went underbudget; loss of rep teams --Looking ahead: setting registration fee, will need to forecast for ice (how much to purchase, how much can we sell). Goal to break even. Will mean that no longer able to subsidize the registration fee. Some ideas around hosting more clinics, pre-season conditioning, hosting repB tournament.</p> <p>Discussion: Use of old, retired jerseys. As one of biggest expenditure of association will need to be board discussion around what happens with old jerseys.</p>	<p>Jim Young/MJ Kutt</p>
<p>5. Proposed changes to LMHA Constitution and By-laws</p>	<p>Stacey Hall</p>
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(refer to AGM handbook)	Anthony Cotroneo (Ops) Karen Kryviak (Administration)
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9. President's Remarks --See AGM report	Stacey Hall
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President's Report – 2025/2026 Season

As we were heading into the 2025–2026 season, summer planning was focused around two key priorities that I believed were critical to the continued growth and sustainability of our association. The first was a commitment to increasing transparency within our competitive tryout process — ensuring that families, players, and coaches had a clearer understanding of expectations, evaluations, and outcomes.

The second was a renewed focus on being more intentional and proactive with fundraising. With the continued rise in costs — including ice time and HEO/HC player fees — it was important that we looked for meaningful ways to generate revenue to help offset these pressures for our families. This included organizing revenue-driving initiatives such as hosting HEO Coach Clinics and planning both Leitrim-hosted tournaments.

This past season marked an exciting step forward for our association, as we were given the opportunity by the GHA to host our very first Rep B Tournament. We launched this initiative with our younger age groups, U10 through U13, and it proved to be an incredible success. Not only did we welcome a high level of competition and strong participation from across the region, but we also had the opportunity to showcase our own talent. A special [congratulations](#) goes out to the Leitrim Hawks U13 team, who made history as the only Leitrim team to capture gold in this inaugural event. Building on that momentum, just two months later we hosted our U9 Jamboree — a massive undertaking that truly highlighted the strength of our volunteer base and our ability to execute large-scale events. Over the course of four full days, both ice surfaces at Fred Barrett Arena were operating at full capacity as we welcomed nearly 70 teams across both half-ice and full-ice divisions. The weekend was filled with energy, excitement, and competitive spirit, culminating in a proud moment for our association as our U9 C2 team took home the Shootout Competition title in the full-ice C Division.

This season also demonstrated what we can accomplish when we think creatively and make the most of every opportunity available to us. Through the introduction of drop-in skating sessions from September through December — utilizing the 4:15pm ice slots that otherwise could not be scheduled for team practices — we were able to generate meaningful additional revenue for the association. These sessions were well attended and provided valuable extra ice time for player development across all levels. As a direct result of these efforts, we raised significant funds that were reinvested back into our programs — most notably allowing us to replace nearly all goalie equipment that was in need of

refresh. This is a major step forward in ensuring our players have access to safe, reliable, and high-quality gear.

We were also fortunate to welcome several new members to the Board this season, whose contributions had an immediate and lasting impact.

Nia Bruno, Scott English, and Shandeigh Moxness brought a level of organization and communication that elevated the experience for teams, coaches, and families alike.

Jenn Smail stepped in to support all tournament-related initiatives, filling a critical gap with very little handover and ensuring the continued success of our events.

Heather Brennae, took on Ice Scheduling for the first time, stepping into one of the most demanding roles within the association. Ice scheduling is a painstaking task in any season, but this year presented additional challenges across the District due to the extended closures of the Navan and Lois Kemp arenas. Heather rose to the occasion, quickly adapting and working tirelessly to ensure our teams had the ice they needed despite a very challenging environment.

At the same time, it is important to acknowledge that there were areas where we fell short this season — particularly when it came to development opportunities across the association. Changes to the Amped Goalie Development program mid-season were both unexpected and outside of our control, and we were not as prepared as we would have liked to be to pivot quickly. In addition, ongoing ice shortages significantly delayed the rollout of U9 programming, as well as C-tier skating sessions and goalie development opportunities. These programs are critical to the long-term success of our players, and the later-than-anticipated start limited the impact we were able to have this year. This is an area we recognize requires focus and improvement moving forward, and one that will be a priority as we continue to evolve our development model to better support all players within the association.

Beyond the ice, our teams continued to embody the true spirit of community and leadership. Our U15 B Division organized a Cancer Fundraising Game, rallying support and awareness for an important cause. Our U10 Rep B team also stepped up in a meaningful way, raising funds to support a family in need within our community. These moments remind us that while development and competition are key parts of our association, the values we instill — teamwork, compassion, and community — are what truly define who we are. While we have achieved a great deal this season, our work is far from done. The lessons we've learned — particularly around development and adaptability — will directly shape how we move forward. Our focus remains on creating a stronger, more consistent experience for all players, while continuing to manage rising costs and growing expectations. I am

confident that with the strength of this Board and our community, we are well positioned to take the next step forward together.

This role has never just been about hockey for me — it's about the people, the families, and the kids who show up every day simply because they love the game. Over the past season, I've had the privilege of watching that love play out in so many ways — in packed arenas, early mornings, late nights, and countless volunteer hours behind the scenes. I am endlessly grateful to be part of this community.

Thank you for trusting me in this role, for supporting one another, and for continuing to make Leitrim a place where kids can grow, compete, and belong.

Stacey Hall

President

Leitrim Minor Hockey Association

VP Finance Remarks

The Association had an excellent financial year. At the start of the season, we conservatively budgeted for a \$12K loss; however, we are pleased to report an \$18K surplus. This positive variance was driven primarily by the addition of the Rep B tournament and higher-than-expected player registrations. As a result, our year-end bank balance is projected to be \$100K. Most budgeted items tracked closely to forecast, particularly the ice budget. Our continued improvements in forecasting accuracy are strengthening the Association's financial stability year over year.

Key highlights from the Final Budget:

- Net registration fee revenues exceeded expectations
- Rep B revenues increased from last year due to the return of U12; however, U18 was not hosted again this season
- Hosting the Rep B Tournament contributed approximately \$15K to the Association
- Donations included \$1500 from Councillor Desroches and a \$1200 equipment spending credit from Pro Hockey Life
- The ice budget closely aligned with actuals, providing strong confidence for future planning given it is our largest expense
- Team Officials costs exceeded budget again, with nearly 300 coaches and staff compared to a budget of 200; this should be reviewed for potential cost control next season

Looking Ahead:

Each year, our target is to maintain a year-end bank balance of approximately \$90K. With a closing balance of \$100K, we anticipate planning for a breakeven budget next season as a conservative approach to sustain any possible budget pressures.

With this approach, I feel that player registration fee increases can be kept to a minimum. However, some of the key factors that could impact registration fees include whether or not we:

- host Rep B teams at all levels
- decide to increase team ice allocations
- host the Rep B Tournament again

· host 3 coaching clinics again

Jersey Replacement Fund

The Association maintains a separate bank account for jersey replacements, currently with a balance of \$31K. The existing strategy is to contribute \$15K annually from the operating budget. It is recommended that the long-term jersey replacement plan be reassessed to ensure alignment with future needs.

Events and Contributions

The U9 Jamboree, coordinated by Jennifer Smail and Stacey Hall, was a tremendous success - exceeding expectations and contributing \$21K to the Association, \$7K above budget. Thank you both for your outstanding work!

The Rep B Tournament was also highly successful. Thank you to Stacey Hall and Karen Kryviak for your dedication and hard work!

Administration

We continue to enhance our administrative and financial processes by leveraging tools such as TeamSnap, QuickBooks, and Dropbox. The adoption of EFT payments has significantly reduced the time and cost associated with issuing and mailing cheques.

A sincere thank you to MJ Kut (Treasurer) for your continued hard work and collaboration. Together, we make a great finance team!

Jim Young

VP Finance, LMHA

Director of Development

Each Rep B team got 5 Amped sessions U16 got 4 sessions.

Each Rep B team got 3 stathos goalie sessions that were booked through Leitrim as well.

18 sessions of player development with Hockey 365.

10 sessions of goalie development for house teams at the U9 level

10 sessions of goalie development for house teams at the U11/U13 level.

We also had U15 and U18 goalie development through Amped until Christmas

I ran at least 3 development sessions for Leitrim Kids

Joshua Shimizu who works with Nepean Hockey School ran our body contact clinic along with 4 other development sessions.

Looking to add more development sessions at all age groups.

Also, part of development I would like to be more proactive with developing coaches as well

--Shawn Smail

U7 Convenor Report

This season, we sorted the U7's into 9 teams. There were 2 IP4 (birth year 2021), 3 IP5 teams (birth year 2020), 3 IP6 teams (birth year 2019), and 1 IP5/6 team (birth years 2019/2020). We kept the teams smaller this year, which I think worked well. There were 15 players on the IP4 teams (with 1 withdrawal and 1 late registration, it ended up as 14/16 in the end), the IP5 and IP6 teams mostly had 13 players, with one team of 15, and two teams of 14. We ended up doing 4 balanced teams at IP6 (3 IP6 and 1 IP5/6) and 3 balanced teams at IP5 because the skill level warranted it, and it was the easiest way to ensure that we had experienced coaches on each team. The IP4 teams had a large number of new volunteers, while the IP5 and IP6 teams had a good mix of new and experienced volunteers. We did have trouble finding a third head coach at the IP5 level. This has been consistent for the last two seasons - might be worth keeping an eye on going forward. Not sure why this age group would have difficulties.

The last practice before Christmas Break was our 2nd Annual Reindeer Games, hosted by the U15 & U16 Rep B Teams, and organized by Coach Michel Gauthier. This year, the teams paid \$40 towards supplies, and this was well received. The kids, once again, had a great time and enjoyed the event!

Our end-of-season U7 Leitrim Fun Day took place on February 14, 2026. We allotted 2 hours for the IP6 teams. 1 hour for the IP5 teams, and 1 hour for the IP4 teams. We let the coaches plan their allotted time. The IP6 coaches chose to split the time and have 2 teams on for each hour with a mini-skills competition and a scrimmage. The three IP5 teams shared an hour and ran a shared practice and scrimmages, and the two IP4 teams split it into half a practice and a scrimmage. All coaches and managers received a team set of Tim Hortons medals, Timbit/Sydney Crosby Ball Caps, and three Esso Achievement Medals; some teams handed them out at the Leitrim Fun Day, and others at their end-of-year parties.

Communication with managers and coaches

- Because of the success of the Convenor/Manager WhatsApp group last season, this year we created a group for the Managers and a second for the Head Coaches. This was well-received and made last-minute ice or exhibition opportunities easy to communicate to everyone at once.
- Coaches and managers were also communicated with at the rink, or through text, calls and email, as needed.
- Some new volunteers came in as managers and coaches this season, and some were parents of returning players, but were first-time volunteers. Hopefully, we can retain some of them for future years.
- Managers and coaches appreciated the separate U7-Head Coach and Manager meeting early in the season, and having access to the Slide Deck and links within it, which were shared afterwards.

Goalie Gear

- Distributed in mid-November to all IP5 and IP6 teams. IP4 teams did not get goalie equipment.
- All teams rotated the goalie gear throughout the season among players who wanted to play.
- The reception of the new “Learn-to-play” kits was very good. Coaches said the equipment was smaller and easier for the U7’s to get on and off, and to move around in

Sort outs

- Sort-outs were a busy time, as always. We held one Rust Off Skate the first weekend of September, and a Sort Out Day 2 weeks later. Both skates went well.
- It was a struggle to find evaluators again for the sort-out day.
- Feedback from some parents was that they expected to see more volunteers out helping the new skaters. It might be a good idea to get some U18, maybe U15 kids to come out and help the newer skaters for Rust Off’s and Sort Outs.
- We sorted the teams into 2 balanced IP4 teams, 2 balanced and 1 slightly stronger IP5 team, and

the IP5/6 team was balanced to be able to play with the 3 IP6 teams. This meant having all stronger IP5's rostered to the IP5/6.

- The season began with two slightly stronger IP6 teams, and the IP5/6 balanced with the third IP6 team. But by the end of the season, all 4 teams were playing evenly matched scrimmages at practice. Coach feedback was positive.

- Three IP4 players were rostered (with parental consent) to IP5 teams, and paid the difference in fees to play at the IP5 level. This helped to balance the numbers of the IP4 teams. They were placed on two different IP5 teams.

- Because of the large number of teams this year, and the attempt to also balance the experienced volunteers throughout the teams, we held an unofficial "balancing weekend" for the IP5 and IP6 teams. The coaches were given their team rosters in TeamSnap, but were asked to only hand out jerseys to kids, and hold back socks until the following weekend. We encouraged scrimmages amongst teams over the course of the first weekend to determine if the teams were adequately balanced. There was only one change made after this weekend between the IP5/6 and an IP5 team, and all coaches were happy with the process and their teams.

- If we moved to skill-based IP5/6 teams, we would need a more involved sort-out process, as there isn't enough information learned at one skate to really feel confident about grouping the kids based on skill.

Season Comments

- With 9 teams, we had a lot of triple ice practices. Some of the IP6 coaches feel that triple ice, especially in the middle, can make it more difficult to set up drills. They acknowledged that they didn't have the same issues when the kids were smaller at IP4 and IP5.

- Both the IP5 and IP6 teams often combined their ice at practice and would do a full ice skate for warm-up, before occasionally running their drills together and finishing off with a scrimmage. This was really great to see. I found that our coaches worked together very well

this season, and the kids really benefited from it.

- Overall, third ice and half ice, as well as early start times, were distributed evenly amongst all of the teams throughout the season. The IP4 teams had more third ice, because they only have one session a week, and when there were 9 teams skating, everyone had third ice.
- Some feedback through the season from the IP6 coaches was that having the teams balanced in-house makes it easier to have scrimmages, since we often share ice with one another. It can mean that the teams aren't balanced for exhibition games to the organizations that tier their teams, but honestly, almost all of the other convenors also claimed to have balanced teams. I think Cumberland is an exception, but because of the size of their association, they're able to have multiple teams at each tier.
- There was also some feedback from the IP4 level asking about having 2-practices a week, especially in the second half of the season. Other associations have apparently been offering this - this could be the smaller associations without age splits?

Exhibition Games

- Convenors from across the GHA were chatting about exhibition games in mid-October. This worked well to give all IP5 & 6 coaches equal opportunity to organize games - not just the coaches who already know coaches in other associations.
- Exhibition Games with other associations started being played by the IP6 teams, and one IP5 team, the first weekend in December. The other two IP5 teams didn't feel that they were ready for exhibition games and were happy to scrimmage together.
- There were reciprocal exhibition games played this season with Russell, South Ottawa, Blackburn, Cumberland, East End, Osgoode, and Metcalfe. We had a really great relationship with a few of the coaches and other convenors, and were able to schedule last-minute games as ice became available on both sides.
- A lot of parents complained towards the end of the season (especially at the IP6 level) about

the amount of early ice times this season. I reminded the managers who reached out that some associations have those early time slots allocated to U7 for the entire season, and that, because we have so many teams, we are fortunate to occasionally get a more varied schedule. We may want to consider preparing next season's parents by having the communication, online and in person, to say that games are usually in the morning, and on the weekend. This might lower the expectations for later games.

Fundays

- I didn't hear the same feedback this season as last year about the teams having a hard time at Fundays because of the age group blending of other associations. The feedback I heard this season was generally positive.
- Each team played in at least 2 Fundays, and a few did 3.

Tricia Echlin & Cassidy Damp

Convenor and Assistant Convenor

U9 Convenor Report

This past U9 season included 9 teams in total: 2 A teams, 4 B teams, and 3 C teams. We had a strong mix of returning head coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers, along with several new members joining the program. Communication with team managers was handled primarily through a WhatsApp group, which allowed for quick, collaborative updates throughout the season. Coaches and managers also stayed connected at the rink, through TeamSnap, and by text and email when needed.

Finding volunteer team staff at the C level did present some challenges. A few C families had older children playing at higher levels with other associations and expressed interest in having them assist on the ice. While some were able to help, insurance requirements appeared to limit participation in certain cases depending on where those players were rostered. If there is a way to address or clarify this in the future, it could be a real benefit to the teams. For families with players in the Rangers organization, for example, it may be worthwhile to make teams aware that those players may be able to assist during practices.

Goalie gear was distributed early in the season, and the equipment was rotated among players so that everyone who was interested had the opportunity to try the position. There were some requests to have the option of having both left and right-handed equipment for every team.

Sort-outs were an especially busy time, particularly with both the Convenor and Assistant Convenor being new to their roles. Overall, the process went smoothly, though there were some challenges and opportunities for improvement. Some parents felt their child may have been placed in the wrong level and would have appreciated the chance for a second look. One possible improvement would be to give families a general sense of the level their child has been placed in for scrimmages, so that those who feel their player may be capable of competing at a higher level could request an opportunity to be evaluated in a stronger group. I am not sure this option is clearly communicated at present, but greater transparency in this area could help address some concerns. At the same time, it is important to recognize that evaluators are volunteers and are assessing players within their assigned scrimmage groups. Even when a player performs very well in a lower group, it can be difficult for them to move up organically, as players in the higher groups are also being evaluated against strong competition.

Overall, the U9 season was a very positive one, and it was incredible to see how much the players developed from beginning to end. Early in the season, some players were still working on balance and learning the fundamentals of skating. By the end of the year, those same players were

skating with confidence, working hard, and contributing as part of a team. Their growth in skill, confidence, and understanding of the game was impressive to watch.

After speaking with the managers, a few common themes stood out from the season. On the challenging side, tournament availability was limited, particularly for full-ice events. By the time the rule changed to allow two tournaments, many events were already full, or team budgets had largely been allocated. It was also noted that having the C teams begin full-ice play later in the season created a disadvantage, as some entered full-ice tournaments without having played a full-ice game beforehand and were not permitted to use shared practice ice to prepare.

On the positive side, there were many highlights throughout the year. The LMHA Jamboree was a standout, along with the Sensplex Holiday Classic, especially with the added excitement of a visit from Spartacat. Team lunches and team parties were also great moments for players and families. C and B teams were especially appreciative of the development sessions provided by LMHA for the U9 teams through Hockey 365*, as well as the bi-weekly goalie clinics. These sessions represented significant cost savings for teams and were viewed as a valuable investment in player development.

*A few notable comments were shared regarding the Hockey 365 development program. While grateful for the development opportunity, with so many players on the ice at one time, it was difficult to provide consistent, intentional correction. The combined sessions across different skill levels were also seen as less beneficial for the A teams, as the format did not always match their pace or development needs. As a result, there was too much standing around at times, and some teams would have benefited from a more advanced and appropriately paced development environment.

Shandeigh, U9 Convenor

Erica, U9 Convenor

U13 Convenor Report

Leitrim Hawks U13A1 2025-26

Head coach Chris Cavers and manager of head coach Dana Kirchmeier....

What a real great season !! Finished 12-6-2 !!!

We had an unbelievable manager , unbelievable coaching staff , and unbelievable group of parents and volunteers....

Unfortunately didn't bring home the regular season championship , but had many successes along the way We were thankful to enter 5 tournaments this year and we had 2 silver medals after the first 4 That was until the last tournament of the year in Toronto when we're able to bring home the GOLD!!!!!!

So many awesome team functions and so many great times this year !!!! Also able to participate in the 67's game day experience Playing a game on TD place ice , dressing in rooms where many greats had been before , and giving our team a taste of what professional hockey was all about was exactly as promised !!! An amazing experience !!!

Our fundraising this year was incredible , and because of that , we were able to add 7 extra development sessions to help these players for this and future seasons ... Also with our fundraising, we were able to play an extra 3 exhibitions to help keep our players sharp and focused on game play

All in all what a great year for Hawk fans !!!

Thank you Lmha !!!!

U13 B2 - Head Coach Dean Byvelds

This group put together an incredible run, highlighted by an 11-game win streak between December and January and a tournament championship in Eastern Prescott Russell (EPRMHA).

The team competed hard all year, earning:

Arnprior Tournament Finalists

Osgoode Semi-Finalists

EPRMHA Champions

They battled their way to the quarter-finals in playoffs, ultimately falling to Eastend in only their second meeting of the season.

Beyond the results, the growth in individual skills and team play was outstanding. A great group, a great season, and a lot to be proud of!

U13 B1

Coached by: Steve Shalaby

Placed 8th out of 12 teams during regular season (7W-9L-4T)

Coach's report:

This season was filled with plenty of ups and downs, but overall it was a great year for our team. We participated in four tournaments throughout the season: Vankleek Hill (Dec 6–7), Casselman (Dec 12–13), Niagara Falls (Dec 27–29), and Rockland (Feb 14–16).

Along the way, we had four development sessions, two exhibition games, plenty of team lunches, team parties, lots of laughs, and even a few tears. We started the season as individual players and finished it as a true team, building lasting friendships and creating memories that will stay with us for years to come.

The most memorable part of the season was traveling to the Al Boone Memorial Tournament right after the holidays during a terrible snowstorm. The team played incredibly hard, really came together, and nearly won the championship game, proudly bringing home the silver medal. Off the ice, the memories were just as special—team dinner at Boston Pizza, arcade games, running through hotel halls, sneaking in some mini sticks hockey, climbing through the jungle gym, and staying up way too late. It was a weekend full of fun, bonding, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Coaches were top notch and very supportive. Families helped on and off the ice. The smooth running of the team was a full team effort.

U13 C1

Coached by Remi Croussette

-Our regular season record was 2-17-1 we recorded 39 GF and 93 GA.

-We had two great out of town tournaments. First in Smith falls where we made it to semis and came home with 2 shootout title trophies (now in the Barret trophy case. The second in Brockville, where we didn't make it as far.

-We lost all our playoff games.

U15 Convenor Report

For the 2025/26 season, there were 78 players sorted out onto 2A teams and 3B teams. From the start of sortouts it was apparent that the teams weren't going to be very competitive within their divisions and that was how the season unfolded. All teams finished in the bottom half of the standings. There were some highlights - A2 and B2 made it to the semi-finals, and A2 won a few tournaments. Overall, on the ice it was a discouraging season for most families, but off the ice, the kids had lots of fun.

U15 A1

- **Coached by:** Marshall Downey
- **Placed:** 6th overall (8W-12L-4T)

Coach's report: U15 A1 had a fun but challenging year. We participated in three tournaments: Carleton Place, Osgoode Rideau Winter Classic and CanAm in Montreal. The team was knocked out of the playoffs in the round robin with a 1 and 2 record. We had a great group of kids. Thanks to coaches, manager, volunteers, and parents for supporting the team both on and off the ice.

U15 A2

- **Coached by:** Colin Irving
- **Placed:** 7th overall (6W-18L-0T)

U15 B1

- **Coached by:** Matt Hearn
- **Placed:** 8th overall (4W-17L-3T)

Coach's report: U15B1 enjoyed a great season together. It took several days for the team to start to gel at the beginning of the year but when the coaches made a decision to try and empower the leadership of the team to bring everyone together, they all started to click. While we had a tough season in the standings, it never diminished the comradery and friendships in the dressing room nor on the bench. There was also a strong rallying around our manager who was fighting a breast cancer battle. The team truly became a family to support her and her son on the team. We organised a fantastic fundraising game to raise funds for cancer research, amassing over \$2750. We did participate in 3 local tournaments (Brockville, Casselman, Osgoode) and one away tournament (Cobourg) where they had all fun while competing as best they could. They were committed to their work ethic and where skill wasn't necessarily available, they made up for it with grit. Their "Fullout" attitude led to many hard fought games that didn't end up in wins, but it was a testament to their willingness to come to the rink ready to

work. While the season didn't end as we hoped as we felt we had a great chance at winning, they all left the rink with their heads up knowing they played their best and gave their all. A success to me, as coach, was to see how far they came from a group of individuals at the start of the year to a solid team (and family) at the end, especially noting their individual improvements from the start of the year to the end.

U15 B2

- **Coached by:** Andrew Hough
- **Placed:** 7th overall (5W-16L-3T)

Coach's report: The U15 B2 Hawks had a season defined by heart and resilience. Head Coach Andrew Hough led with 100 percent attendance and a contagious enthusiasm for hockey that the association is lucky to have. Supported by assistant coaches Andrew Ferguson and Tom Savard, he fostered a welcoming culture where even Rep B players frequently joined practices. This dedicated staff guided the team through a challenging regular season and five tournaments, including the Montreal CAN/AM, successfully transforming the group into true playoff contenders. After finishing first in their division round-robin, the team's journey ended in a thrilling 1-0 semifinal loss in the third period of overtime. The growth and character shown by every player was remarkable, making this a season to be truly proud of.

U15 B3

- **Coached by:** Pat Drouin
- **Placed:** 5th (6W-13L-5T)

Coach's report: Overall the season was good. The team gelled quickly and everyone got along. The focus for the first half of the season was on technique, and afterwards some skills were thrown in. However due to the skill level of many of the players, technique remained the focus of most practices. Despite this, the team all supported each other, and any disagreements were able to be solved quickly and rationally, i.e. everyone got along with everyone. We participated in three tournaments, 1 away and 2 at home. The away tournament was early in the season, which likely contributed to the teambuilding. All the volunteers and parents were great and contributed to the success of the season.

U18 & U21 Reports

We had busy season this year for 2025/2026. With increased registrations we iced 8 teams at U18 (3A and 5B) and 3 teams at U21. We had one team at U21 and three teams at U18 make it out of the round robin in playoffs. Two of our U18 teams made it all the way to the finals, U18A3 and U18B3. Both finished the season with silver medals.

Below you'll find the coach reports for our U18 and U21 teams.

Thanks to everyone who made this season a success: coaches, parents, and our players.

Special thank you to my assistant convenor, Karen Loney.

Jessica Morris

U18/U21 Convenor

U18A1 Coach: Anthony Cotroneo

7th overall (12W-13L-5T)

U18 A1 had a very good year despite playing in a tight division that was very competitive.

We participated in 2 tournaments: (House League Holiday Tournament, Metcalfe Tournament).

We held our own in the tournaments but didn't win but enjoyed the experience. We had players called up to Rep B and U21 level. We played a few exhibition games and some extra ice sessions.

We went to the quarter finals in the playoffs only to lose to the other Leitrim Team. The game was close, but we were happy one of us advanced.

The team really had a good time this year. The team bonding great with many players going to college and universities it was their last year and a memorable one.

I did have great help this year from excellent assistant coaches and Team manager. Overall, a great season with great memories. I wish all the players the best of luck in the future.

U18A2 Coach: Scott Allen

U18 A2 had a wonderful year. The kids were great and got along very well. There were no issues on or off the ice and the parents were supportive.

We finished near the bottom of the standings, but almost all our games were closely contested.

We had 1 tournament which we lost in quarter finals. Our manager, Lindsay, was fantastic and made the year go very smoothly.

Couldn't ask for a better year.

U18A3 - Coach: Mike Moore

We had a great group of kids, everyone got along well with no behavioural issues of any kind. The parents were great. There were 3 of us that shared the coaching duties.

Everyone was easy to get along with and we were able to cover the year.

- We finished 1st in the regular season
- We finished 2nd in the playoffs
- We did two local tournaments - didn't win either :-(

Malinda Cambell did an excellent job as manager. This year would not have been the same without her. She managed the affiliate players that we had out this year.

U18B1 Coach: Jeff Taylor

U18 B1 had a rough year. Only 1 tournament. Voted on an away tournament but it was voted no.

Started with a short roster and had to rely on anywhere from 3 to 9 affiliates in some games for the entire season.

Good bunch of kids, the volunteers that stepped up were great.

Special mention to Cynthia and Teisha the co-managers. They did more than anyone could ask for and beyond.

U18B2 Coach: Bill Noel

We had a great group of players, everyone got along well and most already knew each other and/or had played together earlier in the LMHA minor hockey careers. Thus, this facilitated team bonding quite early into the season which was fantastic to have chemistry and synergy early on. The parents were also very supportive throughout the season. We had sponsorships from 2 parents local businesses and were able to have a great Christmas fundraiser to help defray tournament costs.

- We did three local tournaments(Smiths Falls in Dec, Cumberland in late Jan & Metcalfe later in Feb)- We didn't win any of the tournaments but made it to the semi-final in Cumberland tourney!
- We finished 6th in the regular season out of 12 teams
- We lost all games in the playoffs but gave it our best and had fun down to the final buzzer

The players all developed and improved as the season progressed. All the players played with a lot of passion, pride and hard effort throughout the season. We did have several players from lower levels (U15) affiliate and call up to fill in when needed which really helped our team. Finally, we were fortunate to have such a great management team, bench staff along with a dedicated team of volunteers to make this a really fun and successful hockey season.

U18B3 Coach: Danny Malandra

Our U18 B3 season was a very positive and rewarding experience. As a first-time coach, I could not have asked for a better group of players to coach. I was very grateful for the support of my three assistant coaches and our amazing team manager, whose help and dedication made a huge difference throughout the season.

We had a great group of players who truly enjoyed coming to the rink for both games and

practices. Even when we scheduled our own team practices, the players showed up and put in the effort, which says a lot about their commitment and attitude all season long. Because of that dedication, I only had to call up players a few times to fill spots. Some of our players were also called up to play with the A teams when they needed extra players, which shows how much talent and development there was on our team.

Throughout the season, we took part in two local tournaments and one away tournament in Napanee. These were great opportunities for the team to compete, improve, and spend time together. We finished first in our division and then won our semi-final game, which sent us to the championship game. We played a strong final game but unfortunately came up just short.

I truly believe that every player improved over the course of the season. Most importantly, they had a fun and memorable year being part of this team. We were also very lucky to have such a great group of parents and family members who stepped up to take on the volunteer roles needed to help the season run smoothly.

Overall, it was a successful season built on teamwork, commitment, improvement, and a lot of pride in what this group accomplished together.

U18B4 Coach: Barkley Barton

U18B4 team was awesome in every way for this first year coach. From players to parents I have to say we never had any issues. The team did well enough to make the B1 division after the first half of the year and didn't lose their energy even when faced with playing all the best teams game after game. They would compete hard regardless of the odds. Even when we had practices (very few of these) the players were engaged and really worked hard. I was well supported by the parents and always had full coaching staff and trainer for the bench. The manager supported the team in all aspects required and then some. We had initially planned for two home and one away tournament but settled for three local

tournaments as the away tournaments filled up too quickly. The team competed very well in the tournaments getting to the finals of all 3.

Am proud of this team.

U18B5 Coach: James Goff

The Leitrim Hawks U18 – B5 team had a strong group of players and great group of parents. We were a good mix of first second and third year players. A core group of the players rarely ever missed games, but others had multiple work/school/family commitments. While bench staff was limited initially (Mark), other parents (Seb and Jason) stepped up tremendously as needed so we could function effectively for games throughout the season. Claudia and the Graham's were excellent, and we always had a score keeper. Our social committee was great as well, so we completed fundraising and had some fun events. The boys played strong in almost every first period of every game. Sometimes we broke away and maintained the lead but often we would dominate play before a weak goal or two or lost lead and often not be able to overcome that weakness. We otherwise would have won most games, tournament or regular season.

Some of the notes for the season:

- We did 3 local tournaments and always had a good turnout and conducted team lunches/dinners that were well attended.
- One practice with minimal turnout and a few exhibition games. No extra ice was seemingly desired or required.
- Although our players were requested to play with u21 teams, there was either a lack of desire or availability.
- I brought in A LOT of call ups from lower levels (U15A & B) Most had fun playing with our team despite an overall lack of success and some played every time we asked.

Team always appreciated and treated them great but preference was only as

required and the core players preferred extra ice time.

As many difficulties that we faced, we had a great group of competitive players, they always worked well with coaches and were good teammates.

I was very familiar with a few of the players and helped them improve on the odd skill that may have eluded them previously. They always had a good attitude (while often frustrated) and they always had fun in the room together.

U21B1 Coach: Eddie Haddad

The Leitrim Hawks U21 - B1 has a great mix of players. I was unfortunately not able to get to know some of the parents, as at this age kids can drive themselves to the game. We had some kids that played together before and seemed to be happy to be playing together on the same team. It seems that all kids got along and displayed a good level of respect for each other.

Some of the highlights for the season:

We had 1 tournament in which we played well but could not make it past the round robin stage. This was the Nepean U21 tournament

We made it to the quarterfinals at the end of the year and just seemed to get better in the playoffs. It was a very close affair but our season ended there

We used a few of the same good players for call ups through out the year.

I couldn't have for a better manager in Anie Miner to help reduce the work load for me. Her husband joined me as an assistant to manage the doors during the games..

I believed that we had the talent to make it further however we just had too many games without a full line up and couldn't build on the chemistry that can become very important for consistency.

Overall, enjoyed coaching these kids.

U21B2 - Coach: Marc Ouellette

It was a good season, the boys worked well together to include & encourage everyone on the team. Because of this, we had good success in the regular season because kids wanted to show up and play! The objective was to get them ready for men's league hockey by being good teammates and it seems to have been a success.

Thanks to the coaching staff and manager, it was a very smooth season.

U21B3 Coach: Brent Napier

The Leitrim Hawks U21 – B3 had a real mix of playing experience, the majority from house league with some with Rep B and AA experience. I was very impressed with the maturity of the group, who were always respectful and supportive of one another and encouraged each other during game play and in the dressing room. We were often short players, however call-ups fit nicely into the mix and they were always welcomed.

Interaction between players and coaches was always respectful and encouraging, both on and off the ice. This was a really good bunch to coach.

Some key outcomes for the season:

- 2 tournaments (NMHS - Ottawa and Grind - Perth) while not advancing to finals, the team won games and had a competitive showing in both events
- Strong start to season but inconsistent play and turnout throughout the year resulted in 3-12-5 record – no practices at this level makes further development challenging
- 0-2 in the playoffs so far with one game remaining, some tough competition in the round robin contributed to the losses
- Many call-ups from lower levels (U18) this season due to work, school, and personal commitments

Exceptional coaching staff (especially Kevin Davidson), superior manager (Cristina Hall-Viciana) and excellent trainer support (Brian Bonderud), contributed to what I believe

was an enjoyable season for all involved. To note, without exception, the players were respectful, good teammates and had relatively good attendance given the age class