

Chestermere Minor Hockey

AGM Summary

U15 Tournament:

The tournament was held over the Remembrance Day Long weekend.

Overall, the tournament was a huge success. Special thank you to Larry Johnson who chaired the tournament. Many, many hours were spent by volunteers to make this happen over a very short period of time.

Tournament organizing got a very late start, as didn't really start planning until after the teams were made in early October. Essentially the tournament got organized in ~5 weeks.

All 4 tiers participated in the weekend, something I'm told didn't always happen in the past. There were 4 tiers of 4 teams each, with 4 games each. Chestermere teams played very hard: 1 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place, 1 x 4th place (OT loss).

It was a free tournament for each Chestermere team (although each team had to provide volunteers and some raffle table items). Each team will receive \$2,500-\$3,000 (final amount will be confirmed once all invoices are paid).

Many learnings for next year's tournament

U11 Tournament:

This was held March 24 – 26th weekend.

Tournament organizing was a bit of a challenge as we pushed forward to get enough Volunteers and to fill the Chair positions for the Tournament. Myself and Vitorria kicked off organizing the Tournament until these spots were filled! Which Charity Potter and Melissa Bucar graciously took over and did a marvelous job along with all their volunteers.

All in all no concerns, and everything went really smoothly. The only suggestion was to add a Data Entry position for all the game sheets following the Tournament.

The only pressing item now is to find a Chair and Co-Chair for next year, and to get the Ice Times confirmed early and longer ice times with how the Calendar is falling for the 2024 Tournament, and how Playoffs are lining up as well.

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Ironman Tournament:

This was held on Family Day Long Weekend.

Some recap from the committee:

This year's tournament earned a net revenue of \$7807.15. A slightly lower return compared to last year; however, this was due to lower sponsorship support. In fact, revenue areas like 50/50 and raffles were very successful comparatively speaking.

The Committee has decided to give the majority of this money back to the teams. I have completed and given the AGLC paperwork to CMHA, and once that is processed outstanding funds will come to our Ironman account. Each team will then receive a total of \$1925.00, which Rosa will release to each team's treasurer. I anticipate this to be done by the end of next week. Once this is completed, and the thank you letters to our sponsors are sent, I will then pass over the reins to Liz Flucher who is the 2024 Ironman Chair.

One big takeaway from this year's tournament is the importance and need for volunteers, not just on the day of, but also on the committee. This year Team was down a third of volunteers compared to last year with the same amount of work. It puts a lot of burden on a small group, which is simply unfair. I kindly ask that you take that into consideration when establishing volunteering roles for next year's teams.

In summary, please make sure to thank our amazing Ironman committee the next time you see them, as they really went above and beyond. They are Rosa (Team Black), Liz (Team Black), Amber (Team Black), Carrie (Team Red), Shay (Team Red), Lisa (Team Green), Janice (Team Green), Rosy (Team White), and Amanda (Team White). Because none of this would have been possible without them.