

TASA Competitive Report 2021/22

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our team volunteers for the job they do. While our overall performance as an association was strong this season, hockey is much more than a game. It cultivates friendships, work ethic, commitment, teamwork, responsibility, and leadership to name but a few. While these traits are inherent in the game, they are reflected in and by our coaches and managers and for that, on behalf of the players and executive of TASA MHA, I thank you.

The pandemic unfortunately affected the hockey season again this year, resulting in another shutdown. However, we were able to finish the CMHF playoffs and HNS hosted Provincials and Day of Champions and TASA teams once again had great success. Congratulations to all our teams!

Tryouts had over 350 kids competing for 16 teams. TASA MHA competitive division consisted of 16 teams, 272 players and over 100 volunteers between U11 and U18 hockey. TASA had enormous success in all divisions for the 2021/22 season. Of the 16 competitive teams, 6 made it to the semi-finals for CMH and all 6 made it to the CMH championship game with teams winning CMH U13 AA, U13 A, U13 B, and U18 AA.

TASA had 3 teams qualify for Provincials, U13 AAA, U15 AA, and U18 AA. During the Day of Champions TASA was represented by U13 AA and U13 A.

Day of Champions

Both the U13 AA and U13 A did an excellent job representing TASA at the DOC. U13 A were successful in winning their Championship game and the U13 AA team had a tough game and came home with silver. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and parents of both the U13 AA and U13 A teams. You represented TASA remarkably.

Provincials

TASA U13 AAA team played again in the Nova Scotia U13 AAA league. TASA again was successful in the league and made it to the Finals at Provincials. Congratulation to the players, coaches, and parents on a great Provincial tournament. Congratulations to Evan Lyver on being named Top Forward for the Provincials and Nash Haverstock being named All-Star Forward.

TASA U15 AA participated in their Provincials making it to the semi-finals. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and parents of a successful showing at Provincials. Congratulations to Paige MacPhee on being named Top Goaltender.

TASA U18 AA participated in their Provincials, winning the Championship. The U18 AA team went unbeaten throughout the Provincials. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and parents on a successful Provincials. Congratulations to Austin King being named Provincials MVP, Trevor Baillie being named Top Defenceman, Nick Corkum as Top Scorer and Ryan Gorman being named All-star Forward.

We all know it is not the scoreboard to ultimately determine overall success in minor hockey, but it is an indicator we can use to determine how we are doing competitively in each division. Although our player numbers are on the rise, the biggest concern this past year was the number of goalies in the association. While some divisions had plenty of goalies, the overall number was down. This past year we attempted to improve our goalie numbers by offering more goalie camps and loaning out more goalie gear to the Novice division as well as anyone else who wanted to try the position.

This has been the fifth year for TASA MHA to ice two teams at the U15 A level. This was done with the effort to keep more kids in the sport and to give those kids the opportunity to play checking hockey. With icing two teams at the U15 A level we have seen an increase in the number of U18 players over the last few years. This past year we were able to ice a U18 AA and two U18 A teams. All three teams were very competitive.

I would also like to recognize Kyle MacDonald, Technical Director for TASA, for the job he did this past year. His effort to ensure that he was on the ice with all teams throughout the year was seen in not only the success of the teams but also in the development of the players and coaches.

I personally would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year and I look forward to seeing everyone around the rink.

Regards,

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