

Penticton Minor Hockey Association

2007/2008 Pee Wee Recreation Report

The Pee Wee Recreation Division this year consisted of 3 teams with numbers nearing 16 players per roster. Dairy Queen, Kal Tire and Dynamic Refrigeration sponsored the teams.

The teams practiced regularly Monday night shared with the Pee Wee AAA girls and Tuesday night shared with the other team. This practice schedule was excellent as all teams involved had a regular practice per week as well as an 18 game Super League Schedule. All teams participated in away tournaments as well as their own hosted over the Christmas Holidays with 8 teams battling.

Two of the Pee Wee teams had excellent records in the Super League standing with the Dairy Queen Fireballs going undefeated in League play. Congrats to Jamie Fulton and his team. The top two teams proved their worth in the playoff format and battled in a three game series to determine the winner. Once again the Fireballs came out victors. The Penticton Chargers ended their season very successfully with a run to the B final. Coach Ed Lebler felt this was a great finish and an appropriate way to end the season. Well-done team. The Penticton Moose who also had a great year with only three losses and their run to the A final decided that they needed to end the drought and beat the Fireballs in overtime in the one game City Championship final. It took scoring in the last seconds to force the game into extra time for the Moose to prevail.

The season for all the teams was very smooth with the help of Susan Hook. Michelle Swetlikoe and James Dewar the teams managers. The Fireballs ended their season with every Canadian hockey player's dreams, an appearance on Hockey Night in Canada on April 5th. A dream ending to a dream season some might say.

The few recommendations that I have regarding the Pee Wee division would be a similar one to that of Atom where as all teams involved in the Super League need to have contact lists for all coaches and managers for lines of communication to be open. We also should take a bit more time in the start up and evaluation of the teams because in the Pee Wee division a team lost a potential game breaker to the B program and was never replaced so this team was behind from the start. I would like to commend all the families of the goaltenders in this division as to start the year we had an extreme abundance of tenders with three goalies on 2 Rec teams and two goalies on the other. This would have been worse yet if Carl Walton and the rest of the Bantam B team didn't allow a Pee Wee goalie to have a great year in their program. All things considered coaches and families handled the situation excellently and a big thank you goes out to all involved

Thanks

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