



FLAMBOROUGH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

President's Report

FHA Membership,

This past season saw the hockey world resume to a close to normal season for the first time in almost two years. We did however experience a few provincial wide shutdowns due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The FHA board was extremely happy to see our players and parents back in the rinks enjoying the game that we all love. Hopefully the 2022-2023 season will see any and all restrictions be a distant memory and we can resume to normal programming without interruption.

Reflecting back on the 2021-2022 season, we experienced programming challenges due to COVID-19 throughout the season, all of our teams still managed to complete a full season with the extension of play into April. Despite this, the FHA managed to provide its membership with quality programming and development opportunities for its players through the course of the season. The FHA Board presented at last years AGM a strong financial position in the FHA accounts that would see the FHA still be able to fund programming with no additional cost to its members without down grading its quality. There were no cutbacks to our programming outside of those beyond the FHA's control, such as ice-time due to provincial wide shutdowns. The strong financial position did allow the FHA to continue with its grass roots programming and outside development of HSC Skills development and Jeremy Bloomfield for all the membership age levels in both HL and REP. This season saw more development opportunities and more ice for all of our players despite losing a month of play due to shut down.

Rep Tryout and House League evaluations took place in late Sept into early Oct and both seasons started shortly after. Our members stayed vigilant with their social distancing and mask mandates, keeping everyone safe and our board, coaches and volunteers made sure to keep all safe with procedures and information as it changed. Special thanks to Dawn Freeland (Risk Management) for keeping up with COVID-19 reporting and ever-changing provincial procedures.

As we move forward with association planning, the FHA board continues to work with our member partners, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and the City of Hamilton to ensure we provide the best hockey experience for our membership. We would like to thank our member partners for their continued support.

Regarding registration for 2022-2023 season and tryouts, HL registration opened a few weeks ago and will be open until late September 2022. Early bird rates will be available until July 28, 2022. Email blasts and website postings will continue to go out over the summer as reminders to register for the upcoming season. Fall tryout registration for U8-13 and U18 will open the first week of August. The FHA is cognisant of the unpredictable economic environment and pressures that come with it for our members during this time and are planning with this in mind. Player fees for the 2022-2023 will remain status quo and not increase for the upcoming season.



Lower House League Hockey Report

Lower House League consisted of 275 players on 21 teams from U7-1 to U11. Over 65 volunteers gave their time on the ice and on the bench to run these divisions, plus countless others who supported the teams in additional ways.

Our younger divisions were proudly sponsored by Timbits while U11 enjoyed sponsorship through the McDonalds AtoMc program. This year each U9 team was partnered with one of four local Premium Sponsors: Eric's No Frills, Panino Italiano, Pita Pit, and Carlisle Pet Foods. We are also grateful to Tim Hortons at Hwy 6 & Carlisle Rd and Eric's No Frills for supporting our events with donations whenever we asked.

HSC Hockey School provided development instruction for U7-2, U7-3, U8 and U9 divisions. Players improved their skills while coaches benefited from collaboration with HSC Hockey instructors.

The final weekend of the season, April 9th /10th, included skills demonstrations, hockey games, pizza party for U7, mini 3 on 3 tournament for U8, and championship games for U9 and U11. All divisions participated in a very successful food drive in support of Flamborough Food Bank.

U11 Rostered Select: On Oct 30, 2022, 17 players were selected to form the U11 RS team. The team played 13 games and one tournament during the season.

League Champions

U9: No Frills Haulers, coached by Darren Holdsworth

U11: Senators, coached by Steve Krysa

Memorial Awards

U9 – Stephen Daw Memorial Trophy: Liam Campbell

U11 – Jordan Moxam Spirit Award: Jack Buist

U11 – Tristan Bradstreet Memorial Energizer "Keep on Going" Award: Joshua Leeming

Upper House League Hockey Report

Upper House League season consisted of:

U13-4 Teams

U15-4 Teams

U18-4 Teams

U13 & U15 Select Teams

COVID 19 continued to impact FHA hockey with a pause in programming.

Due to player safety concerns the U18 program ended early and refunds were distributed.



League Champions

U13 Breakaway (coached by Graham Hawkins)

U15 Nashville (coached by Rory Sones)

Memorial Awards/Trophies

- U13- Christopher King Memorial Award Recipient: Damon O'Brien
- U15- David Little Memorial Award Recipient: Tyler Wedgewood
- U18 - Curtis Josling Memorial Award Recipient: Matthew McClymont

The anticipated 2022/2023 Upper House League season will be 4 teams per division with select teams for U13 and 15.

Rep Hockey Report

The 2021-2022 Rep Season was the first full "ish" season since before the pandemic began. We were able to get most of a regular season in and a full modified playoffs. The Sabres teams, for the most part, had a challenging season, but our kids and coaches worked on a number of team building activities and development which produced players that are better now than they were at the beginning of the season.

Highlights:

- We graduated more than 20 players to the AAA programs in Hamilton (Bulldogs & Huskies)
- Increased development engagement with FHA investment in Jeremy Bloomfield and 3D Development hockey
- Introduced the new Jr. Sabres Enhancement Program for ages U8 & U9 age groups that wanted to participate in further development of their skills
- Jr. Sabres program ran for a full season for the first time since the pandemic began and the team progressed along quite well, including a tournament win in the end of February
- U15AA team advanced to the Tri-County playoff weekend

Community and Public Relations Report

Though 2021/2022 was a difficult year we still managed to maintain some semblance of normality in our hockey world, providing programming with as little break as possible during the ongoing global pandemic. After a missed season we basically were starting from scratch with regards to sponsors and rebuilding our community partners especially when many of the small businesses that have supported us over the years were struggling themselves.

We happily welcomed 16 sponsors this season, 7 new (Carlisle Pet Foods, Bozek Orthodontics, Pita Pit, Turtle Jack's, Panino Italiano, Marciano's and Dairy Queen) and 9 returning sponsors (Scotiabank, Waterdown Collision, Breakaway Distributing, Future Stars, Canadian Tire, Despond Dental, OnGuard Custom Mouthguards, Eric's No Frills, and Andy Burnside DesJardins Insurance).



We revamped our sponsorship levels to better recognize the contributions each valuable echelon of partner makes to our organization and pioneered a Premium sponsorship level, introducing The Carlisle Pet Foods Wendels, The Pita Pit Petes, The Panino Warriors, and The No Frills Haulers as our first Premium Level Sponsored Teams.

This season we continued to support all of our local businesses through our social media accounts and through our actions both as a board and as an association and we thank you, the membership for helping us achieve the goal of shopping local.

Secretary / Media Relations Director

It was a welcomed return to the arenas' and back to normal hockey operations. The Board continued to meet during Covid, and our meetings have been a mix of in person and online since. As always, there continues to be many robust conversations as we all navigate the return to normal programming. The FHA saw a very generous donation from the Egg Farmers of Ontario, which was used to start the FHA Gear Library. Please keep an eye on the website in the coming weeks as we announce times & dates for members to utilize the library. Lastly, I want to thank the army of volunteers, past and present, who together make the FHA possible year in and year out. As we approach our 50th year anniversary, it's a pertinent time to reflect on their contribution. Thank-you.

Risk Management Report

(Risk Manager, Covid Committee and Interim Head Trainer)

- 2021-2022 has been an interesting year with most of my time spent discussing Covid notifications and ever changing protocols with Public Health. I hope that is now behind us.
- The majority of time spent dealing with Trainer related incidents were regarding injury reports being completed and return to play protocols.
- From a Risk Management side the theme of issues in the last year seemed to stem from the bench or dressing rooms

At Large Report

2021-2022 season still affected by the current pandemic took off in great strides during tryouts in September with the amazing help of multiple volunteers through our organization. Overall the season was very successful and being able to see the kids together as teammates during picture days, award ceremonies and many other FHA functions reminds us they all have that true love for the game.



In closing, I would like to thank the tireless planning of the board as they faced daily challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. One cannot express through words the amount of time and energy that goes into putting together a hockey program. Their dedication to our association and drive to make it better is exciting to be part of and I thank each of them for that.

Best wishes to you and your families and be safe,

Rory Sones
President
Flamborough Hockey Association
"Building Character Through Sport"



THE FHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES, TRAINERS, MANAGERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR CONTRIBUTING THEIR TIME TO CREATE A GREAT HOCKEY EXPERIENCE FOR THE PLAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE FHA IS ALSO GRATEFUL TO OUR SPONSORS FOR SPONSORING EVENTS AND PROVIDING DONATIONS. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS SINCE THEY SUPPORT US!