

Greetings Players and Parents,

I wanted to take a minute to personally thank everyone involved with Local League hockey for the support and their part in helping make LL a huge success this past season.

Once again, our relatively new Muskoka-Parry Sound Local League has enjoyed a wonderful season both on and off the ice. By all accounts, each of our "Championship Weekends" provided some great hockey, fun times and good memories for our local kids. Congratulations to the following teams on their MPSLL Cup wins;

NOVICE - Almaguin Ice Devils ATOM - Parry Sound Shamrocks 1 PEEWEE - Almaguin Ice Devils BANTAM - Parry Sound Shamrocks 2 MIDGET - Parry Sound Shamrocks 2

As mentioned, our league continues to thrive and saw many notable achievements this past season. Among them;

- 37 teams across 5 divisions (Novice through Midget) competed in a balanced, 16-game regular season schedule that ran from early October and culminated with our "Championship Weekend" in early March.
- This season we introduced the "MPSLL Cups", which will be awarded annually to the winning team at each LL division. In addition, we have added a Most Valuable Player award which beginning this past year, is to be awarded to one player from each of the winning AND finalist teams in each Championship game.
- For the first time ever, this season saw two teams from each of Bantam and Midget (Almaguin vs Parry Sound) play in the MPSLL "Outdoor Classic" on the natural ice surface at the McDougall Recreation Centre in Nobel. While the warm weather did not quite help, a successful day was still had. The hope is to host one outdoor game each season (rotating among centres) as part of the regular schedule.
- All centres again able to have a set practice and game schedule with a dedicated weekly practice night and games on either Saturdays or the odd Sunday.

We have already begun preparation for the 2017-18 season and continue to discuss some new ideas and initiatives as we anticipate another exciting season.

Much hard work and many long hours have gone into getting Local League to where it is at. The success that has been attained thus far is entirely due to the help and commitment of you. Without parents and players believing in the league, survival would not be possible. A huge **THANK YOU** for all your continued support!

<u>Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or general feedback.</u> I always have time to talk hockey!

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