

Local Girls Hockey Presidents Meeting - July 11

Present - West Northumberland, Ennismore, Peterborough, Keene, and Lindsay

Topics discussed:

Creating Events to promote Girls hockey in our communities and beyond.

Females in Head Coaching Roles

- All associations would like more females in head coach roles throughout our associations
- Some of our local associations rank female coach applicants higher at beginning of coach selection process

Other coaching issues:

- Local associations should maybe be permitted to give input on our coaches and vice versa before coach selection.
- There were some pretty serious complaints about a couple of our coaches and their game play tactics.
- I mentioned a few issues we had of our own.
- All associations agreed we would rather hear about these issue when they arise instead of after the season is over. This WILL be an agenda item for future Presidents meetings.

Houseleague playoffs - how that would look and how to move forward with this plan

- Awards to be purchased and costs split between participating centres
- Contained within already scheduled icetimes
- Utilize ice times in other communities that have more availability if necessary
- All teams participate in the playoff.

Other Houseleague info -

- Electric gamesheets through RAMP - MUST BE USED this year
- OW will use RAMP to keep team stats for playoffs.
- All centres interested in U15 and u18 separate. Only WN will not have a u15 team, but working on it.

Esso - try hockey event (Maybe during Lynx Day?) First Shift program also

MANY differences between executives of our 5 associations

- PGHA has some paid positions (non-voing)
- Honorariums for executive members on some boards
- Talked about attracting more members to run for executive board by offering discounts for children's hockey??
- Some local associations don't have banquets for players
- Registration costs all over the place between our groups between \$350 PGHA to \$1165 US
- Per-team player costs vary greatly as well.... PGHA the highest, West Northumberland the lowest -

Mascots

- PGHA just ordered a new mascot and we all taked about having our Mascots out at our games more often
- Maybe use HS students and give them volunteer hours to be our mascot regularly.

Fundraising

- Looking to the community for greater sponsorship opportunities .. like not just jersey sponsors.
- Using local sports teams to have special events to help raise money for local minor sports teams like us - IE MUSKIES, PETES, etc.

Skills

- Our local associations are looking for more skill development opportunities for their players.
- They would LOVE for more female-led development sessions (I have passed on Sarah Crowther's info to them)

Goalies

- Each association is struggling with goalies... I did mention that it seems like a couple of centres are keeping 2 goalies per team when others have none... All presidents are looking in to this
- We all discussed the need to develop our goalies at a younger age... and offer them more incentives to remain a goalie, and to remain in our associations.

Interesting info:

OWHA players are permitted to play in the OMHA concurrently in any season

Goalies are permitted to play for teams in different centres as well as their own IF another team loses a goalie due to injury/extenuating circumstances and that team doesn't have a backup.

PGHA complimented our B/BB and HL programs and noted how strong we are in these 2 areas.

- They admit to top loading rep teams and neglecting their HL program due to parents wanting rep hockey for their children.... Even if the lower category rep teams are super weak....
- This in turn takes the slightly more talented HL players out of their HL program.