



# SMHA NEWSLETTER

## Premier Edition

As the inaugural issue of the newsletter, this one will be a two page but the intent is to be a quick, one page, update moving forward.



### NOHA UPDATE:

We have a new Referee in Chief: Eric Caetano

WELCOME ERIC!!

We want to thank Matthew Davie, the previous RIC, for all of his patience, dedication and efforts in hockey locally!! You will be missed! NOHA is currently working on a new strategic plan as well as recruitment and retention of officials.



The Fram Fund committee was involved in the selection of recipients and awarded \$3000.00 to players based on need who had submitted applications. Thank You, Fram Fund!!

SMHA BoD approved the allocation of \$10,000 to the Fram Fund that was promised to them when the Fund first began.



### SOME SMHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS SEASON:

- We ran a successful, two-session, Introduction to Body Checking for our U14 and U15 Representative players at no financial cost to the players in August, prior to tryouts.
- Our U15 AAA team, along with CCMHA's U15 AA team, were selected to participate in the Breaking the Ice program (for more information, visit their website at <https://www.breakingtheice.ca/> Thanks to Craig Maki and NOHA for making that happen!!
- Prep Phase skates, prior to tryouts, were held at no charge to participants
- U13 to U18 HL teams were allotted credits, per player, to be used towards team sweaters, socks, etc.
- Mini nets were purchased for our U9 participants
- Outside evaluators were brought in for AAA tryouts who met with coaches and discussed selections



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## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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U15 HL OPP STRIKE  
FORCE - Silver  
winners in the North  
Bay Challenge Cup  
November 26th!!



U11 AA Timberwolves  
Champions at the  
Scotiabank  
Mississauga  
Tournament

### FAST FORWARD TO JANUARY 2022:

- SMHA has developed a Grassroots Sub-Committee to work on player development
- SMHA Office Expenses – Both internet and landline telephone contract are up for renewal and will be cancelled by the end of next month
- Angela Vendette was honoured at the 2022 Women of Distinction Awards on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - Congratulations!!
- Newsletters will be sent out whenever there are updates for the membership.
- CCMHA has graciously offered to host a U9 and U11 HL Championship weekend April 22-24. They have also offered to include our U7 teams in their jamboree the same weekend!! Thank you, CCMHA!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our coaches, managers, trainers, bench staff and on-ice volunteers for all the time they have given to help grow the game that we all love so much, especially through these challenging COVID times!!

We want to thank all game officials for continuing to work through this pandemic to keep kids on the ice and playing the game we all love!!

We thank our parents and players for continuing to persevere and for their patience and understanding as we all navigated through the new territory of a pandemic experience.

Yours in hockey, SMHA Board of Directors!!