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HOCKEY NL

NEWSLETTER



Male U15

Female U14



Male U14

Female U16



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members, Coaches, Volunteers, and Parents,

As the hockey season begins, I would like to extend my best wishes for a safe and exciting year ahead! With fresh ice, new friendships, and plenty of fun, there's much to look forward to. We have several exciting events and initiatives on the calendar, including our revamped Hockey Development Program, a new School Hockey Program, and a coaching and officiating pilot in partnership with Hockey Canada. Plus, there are two Atlantic U13 tournaments scheduled for April 2025, along with many other upcoming announcements that will be shared via our social media platforms.

At Hockey NL, we prioritize safe, inclusive, and enjoyable hockey experiences. As we head into this season, remember that our young members look to adults for guidance and support. Let's be positive role models, offering encouragement, kindness, and empathy to build their confidence both on and off the ice. We are here to support you throughout the season, so please feel free to reach out with any concerns or ideas to improve our game. Best wishes for a great season filled with lasting memories!

Dr. Jared Butler CCFP(SEM), CCPE
President and CMO Hockey NL

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Liam Hickey, a veteran para hockey defenseman from St. John's, NL, has represented Canada on the international stage, demonstrating exceptional skill and leadership. As a dual-sport athlete, excelling in both para hockey and wheelchair basketball, Hickey is known for his dedication and unwavering commitment to his team and sport. His impact on and off the ice continues to inspire and set an example for athletes across disciplines.

Gavin Baggs, a forward from Paradise, NL, is an emerging talent in para hockey, known for his impressive speed and scoring ability. As he continues to develop his game, Baggs is eager to showcase his skills and secure a spot on the national roster, marking his rise as one of the sport's promising young players.

Liam Hickey (St. John's, NL) and Gavin Baggs(Paradise,NL) proudly represented Newfoundland and Labrador at the National Para Hockey Team Evaluation Camp in Elmira, ON, from September 27 to October 2, 2024. Competing alongside Canada's top para hockey talent, both athletes aimed to secure a spot on Team Canada at one of the sport's most prestigious camps.



GAVIN BAGGS



LIAM HICKEY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH/INDEX?:

- Atlantic Challenge Cup: Male U14, U15, and Female U14 teams earned Bronze medals.
- QMJHL Cup: Male U16 secured a Bronze medal.
- U11 AAA Pilot Project: Hockey NL Minor Council announced the new U11 AAA Pilot Project for the 2024-25 season.
- Hockey Canada Gender Expression/Gender Identity Policy: Training sessions offered to improve understanding of the policy.
- World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend: Celebrations and events to promote female hockey.
- Paradise Minor Hockey Skate: Successful skate held as part of the World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend.



MINOR HOCKEY RATES FOR STEELE HOTELS
OCTOBER 1, 2024 - APRIL 30, 2025



Steele Hotels

SPONSORSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to extend a special thank you to Steele Hotels for their continued support of minor hockey in Newfoundland and Labrador. Steele Hotels offers exclusive minor hockey rates from October 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025, to help make travel for teams more affordable. These include rates such as \$114 at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook and Albatross Hotel in Gander, and \$124 at Sinbad's Hotel & Suites in Gander (includes breakfast for one parent and one child). The Capital Hotel in St. John's also offers a rate of \$114. Team managers are encouraged to contact Garry Stamp at 709-727-1767 or email gstamp@steelehotels.com to make arrangements. Thank you, Steele Hotels, for your unwavering commitment to youth sports!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**AVALON EAST SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE (AESHL)
SEASON OPENER: OCTOBER 25, 2024**

- The 2024-2025 Avalon East Senior Hockey League (AESHL) season kicks off on October 25th at the CBS Arena, with the CB Blues taking on the Outer Cove Marines. The excitement continues Saturday night with the CeeBee Stars facing the Clarenville Caribous, and the St. John's Caps going head-to-head against the Southern Shore Breakers at the Mary Brown Centre. To round out the weekend, the Southern Shore Breakers will host the CB Blues on Sunday, October 27th. Senior Chair Gary Gale shared his excitement, stating, "We are looking forward to a great year in Senior hockey."

**HOCKEY NL LAUNCHES MONTHLY VIRTUAL COACHING CONFERENCES:
OCTOBER SESSION WITH BRAD YETMAN**

- Hockey NL is excited to introduce monthly Virtual Coaching Conferences for registered coaches across all divisions as part of our Coach Mentorship Program. These webinars will feature expert presentations, with October's session led by Brad Yetman, who will focus on Team Environment, Goals & Culture as coaches kick off their hockey season. Brad has an extensive coaching background, including roles as Head Coach and Assistant GM of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies in the QMJHL, Assistant Coach with Hockey Canada's Male Under-17 Program, and a certified High Performance 1 coach. The conference will take place on October 22nd from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, with registration closing on October 20th. Registered coaches will receive an invite after the deadline. To register, please follow the link provided. For inquiries, contact Marcus Power at mpower@hockeynl.ca or Garry Dove at gdove@hockeynl.ca.



IMPORTANT UPDATES ON SCREENING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

At the recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June, Hockey NL's Board of Directors approved several key updates to the screening and registration process for the upcoming season. To be added to a team, staff members must complete the Coach 1 or Coach 2 Learning Lab courses and, if applicable, the respective Pathway. These qualifications must be reflected in their Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) profile. Additionally, all individuals must have a current Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), Criminal Record Check (CRC), and Screening Application visible on their HCR profile. These checks are valid for three seasons unless otherwise specified, and members are encouraged to apply early to avoid delays. Further, all members (players and staff) are required to complete the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders and Respect in Sport for Parents courses to be eligible for team registration. If a member has not completed these requirements and is not approved in the HCR, they are ineligible and uninsured to participate in any practices or games. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Hockey NL Branch Office. Thank you for your continued dedication to fostering safe, inclusive hockey experiences.

REGISTER FOR
COACHING CONFERENCE HERE



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