

In the 2017/2018 Season the ORHC House League fielded 188 teams from Tyke to Juvenile ages in our Blue, White and Red divisions. The season kicked off with the inaugural Rangers Day with teams playing their first games celebrating the inclusion of House League under the Oakville Rangers banner.

The House League season runs October through Mid March with a game and a practice per week for most divisions. Older divisions (Minor Midget through Juvenile) play more games but do not have regular practices.

Roster Select teams were offered in Novice, Minor Atom and Atom age groups. These teams practiced, played exhibition games and entered tournaments throughout the season. A Minor Peewee Select team was also added for participation in the Richard Bell Memorial Tournament in December. The Roster Select Program was a hit with parents and players. The program will be expanded to 9 age groups in the 2018/2019 season.

In addition to their regular schedule House League and Roster Select teams also participated in 364 exhibition games and tournaments representing the ORHC and the Town of Oakville admirably.

Several successful pilot programs were run in 2017/2018:

- electronic game sheets - iPads were used in 3 divisions to replace paper game sheets and automating statistics entry. This program will be extended for all of house League in 2018/2019.
- Blue division development - provided professional development sessions for the first five weeks of the season to help develop and build the skills of players in our Blue divisions. Program was well received and successful in building skills for those players.

The House League season concluded in mid March with an exciting Championship Week with all divisions from Novice through Juvenile celebrating individual and team accomplishments. The week was highlighted by close games and some exciting overtime finishes. The playoff tournament format and championship celebration continues to be popular with both players and parents.

Despite a successful season, challenges remain for the House League program, specifically:

- Goaltending development and retention
- Coach development
- Player development

These issues are priorities for the House League executive team for the 2018/2019 season.

A big thank you to all our volunteers - convenors, coaches, trainers, managers and on ice helpers - your dedication and support are the backbone of the organization. Special mention to Coach of the Year - Paul Da Silva, Volunteer of the Year - Nathan McAnsh, and Youth Volunteers of the Year - Lucas Rampino and Josh Volk.

Our thanks to the ORHC office staff, Cheryle, Karen, Nathan and Melissa for all your work on the House League program. We'd also like to recognize the board members and the other league executive for their support.

Enjoy the off season, we look forward to seeing everyone back in the rinks this fall.

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