

Junior & School Curling Programs

AGM Report – June 22nd, 2020

Junior Curling

- Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:15 were the 7 – 9 year olds (Lil' Rockets) – 6 members
- Saturdays from 10:30 – noon were the 10 – 12 year olds (Kidz Rock group) – 8 members
- **HUGE Thanks to Sydney Folz and Braxton Brown-John for helping out every week!**
- Very enthusiastic. All wanting to return next year.

Teen Curling

- For students in grades 7 – 12
- Between 3 & 7 teens came out weekly. (1 girls & 6 boys) from 12 - 15 years old
- Tuesdays from 3:45 – 5:15pm
- 2 of the curlers also curled on Friday nights
- **Didn't get involved in any leagues this year as there were even teams in them.**
- Due to lack of practise commitment we were not able to assemble a travelling team as planned.

School Programs

- 5 different schools with 16 time slots filled
- Two schools couldn't be accommodated as we ran out of spaces/time
- **HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers who came out and helped!!!!**
- **57 volunteer positions with a total 141 hours of volunteer times.**
- All teachers mentioned how well it ran, as many volunteers meant more active curlers. Volunteers noticed that this was a key to the program's success as they didn't have to deal with any behaviour issues ... the kids were too busy curling to fool around!!!
- Both the volunteers and I spotted many potential students who took to curling very quickly and who expressed an interest to do this as a sport of their choice, but only 1 joined Junior Curling.
- Things like helmets, name tags and groups broken into 4 by teachers all worked well again.
- Use of step-on sliders, grippers, delivery aides, and new junior rocks were all a hit again.

Looking Forward To Next Year

- Based on research I did regarding other sports programs in WL, and how they conflicted with Curling Lessons, I changed to Saturday practises for the Junior programs and this worked well for the younger groups, especially in the Fall when not much conflict with bonspiels occurred.
- I Need to advertise our Junior/Teen Curling programs more with schools.
- **Wanting to formalize a Junior Coaching program as I need the help on Saturdays, especially if this group gets any larger.**
- Jim Cotter working with us to form an inter-city league with 100 Mile, Quesnel and possibly PG.
- Parents of juniors joined us for family and skills days and all had a great time! Repeat again.
- Wish to start school program in October and only go a couple of times per week in the fall and only once/week in the Spring.
- Considering inviting only Gr. 5 and above students as they have the most success at this age.
- Want to have a hand-out to give students at the end of lessons promoting Junior Curling.
- Having coffee and goodies for volunteers afterwards. Did this a few times this year and it worked really well and we all got to know each other better as well Bonus!!!!