



CHARLOTTETOWN MINOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



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President's Message

Well the gyms have gone quiet, our year is behind us, and hopefully everyone had a great experience. My reflections on this year are many:

- The initial Hoop-A-Thon was a huge success with close to \$3500 raised for the Association...congratulations to Ben MacAusland who personally raised more than \$300.
- Our Representative teams performed to high levels with all teams either winning their Provincial Championships - Mini Boys and Girls - or competing well and having won multiple tournaments against mainland competition this year.
- A couple of firsts: the Mini Girls fielded a B Rep. Team and the Jr. Mini Girls had a Rep. Team for the first time in many years.
- Membership in the Association remained high - just under 200 players - and the future looks bright.
- We hosted our first ever closing fun day at West Royalty School on Saturday the 27th!

Thanks to all the parents who delivered and watched your children at the schools and West Royalty Community Center. Your commitment to your children allows them the opportunity to learn this great game.

I personally want to thank our dedicated executive, coordinators and coaches of all teams, both Rep. and House League, for your time, passion, expertise and commitment to the growth of our players...the kids and I thank you sincerely.

Now it is time to get ready for spring and summer sports and hopefully your child is exposed to a summer basketball camp. Please check out Basketball PEI's website if you are looking for opportunities for your child to work on their game this summer.

Thanks again for your support.

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Should you have any questions about the division your player is in, please contact the coordinator.

No association is complete without volunteers and if you are looking to give a helping hand we look forward to hearing from you.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

26 teams and over 225 Minor Basketball Players from across the Island participated in the 2010 Tiger's Jamboree at UPEI and Sherwood Elementary. The Jamboree is geared towards non-rep players who get a chance to enjoy the game in an environment where having fun and being active is more important than the final score. There were 5 divisions: Jr. Mini boys and Girls (Gr. 3 & 4), Mini Boys and Girls (Gr. 5 & 6), and new this year Small Ball (Gr. 1 & 2). Stratford, Summerside, Kensington, Cornwall, and Charlottetown were all well represented.

Charlottetown Tiger's Minor Basketball Association would like to thank UPEI and Sherwood Elementary for the use of their facilities as well as the UPEI Men's basketball team for their terrific officiating and guidance. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers, sponsors, officials, scorekeepers and coaches that made this great event possible.

DEVELOPMENT

With summer coming on strong, it is time to get those outdoor hoops ready to go. Remember that Tiny Tigers, Jr. Mini and Mini age groups should use 8 ½ ft. hoops and everyone older uses 10 ft. hoops. The summer is a good time to evaluate what your child wants to improve on to make them a better player next winter; is it lay ups, passing, shooting, defensive slide, etc?



CMBA WEBSITE:
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Check it often!



Agility is something that can be improved, even if you do not have a basketball hoop to use and it will improve all areas of your game. You need a skipping rope. Do each drill for 30 secs. and count how many skips you get. Find a line, or a crack in the pavement, and skip, moving both feet from side to side. Switch and move both feet in front and then behind. Next, do it on one foot, then the other. Skip in the shape of a cross, or make a box with chalk and have the skipper follow the line. Each time, do the drill for 30 secs. and count how many you get. These drills and many more can be found on the internet - search 'basketball agility drills', or at the following web address. www.basketball-plays-and-tips.com/basketball-agility-drills.html

When practising this summer, remember this quote: "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." - John Wooden, ULCA former coach.

Remember, smile, you are getting to play basketball today!

Terry

The Jr. Mini Girls House

League held Tuesday practices and Thursday games at St. Jean's Elementary. The House League was comprised of three teams with a total of 25 girls. The Jaguars were the house league champions with the Lightning and the Candy Canes finishing closely behind in second and third position!

A special thank you to Maggie and Tom Musclow for running the practices and refereeing the games. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, Jackie, James, Lynn, Susan, Clara and Jen! Hoping that next year will be just as exciting with more and more girls coming out to take part in this great sport!

REP TEAM REPORTS

Jr. Mini Girls

The Jr. Mini Girls Rep. Team had a great season with remarkable improvement in their skill level due to their hard work at practice and their teamwork on the court. Their ability to make good passes, defend their girl and use the backboard all contributed to their success as a team. They played several games against the Stratford Foxes and a memorable game against our own Jr. Mini Boys Rep. Team!

They also participated in three jamborees hosted by the Charlottetown Tigers, Basketball PEI and the Stratford Foxes. The season wrapped up with a fun filled game versus the Parent Globetrotters.

Thank you to Lynn Connolly & Susan Shive (Co-coaches), Lynn Jardine, Stacey Silliphant and all the parents who lent a hand in some way to ensure that our girls had a memorable season and most of all, a lot of fun!

Extra thanks as well to Susan for her work as Co-ordinator for Junior Mini Girls Division.



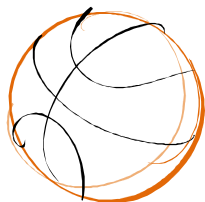
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Jr. Mini Boys

The Jr. Mini Boys Rep. Team had a very enjoyable season. The team carried twelve players (five Gr.4 & seven Gr.3) which allowed for many of our boys the opportunity to increase their skill set in practice, and gain the experience of playing in competitive games. As a team, the boys performed very well. After playing some early games before Christmas, without many practices, we looked at things we needed to improve on to be successful and worked in those areas. These skills, both individual and team, improved significantly, thus improving our teams performance. We focussed on team play, communication, and offensive and defensive concepts, which really paid off, as our play improved. We defeated both Summerside and Stratford, and the three teams split there games, during the last weekend of competition.

The team was lead by our five Gr. 4 players: Gabriel Penalver, Jessie Fleming, Neil Kelly, Jake McCallum and Gavin Kerr. They were all great role models to the younger guys and worked very hard each day. Each one of these players had some big moments, at crucial times, in some of our games. The team is sad to see them move up, but believe they are better players and will find success at the next level. The team has a good foundation for next year with Thomas Craig, Logan McCallum, YaYa Sefau, and Will Vidito leading the charge.

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Mini Girls

The Mini A Girls team had a busy and very successful year. They played a number of games locally against the Mini A Boys team, Stratford and Summerside Rep. Girls Mini and Bantam teams. The team participated in three off-island tournaments. They won gold in two of the tournaments against the top New Brunswick and Nova Scotia teams. They won silver in another tournament, losing by 3 points to host Kennebecasis Valley in the finals. The season was capped off with the team's third Provincials Championship title.



Mini Boys

The Mini Boys had a great season culminating in a Provincial Championship with a two game total point victory over Summerside. This is the second year in a row that our Mini Boys have won the Provincial Championships with hopefully more victories in the future.

Thanks to Cliff MacFarlane for his fantastic job as head coach this year as all boys improved greatly from the start of the year. With limited competition provincially, the Tigers were forced to hit the road to play good competition. The team competed in the following tournaments this year:

- Moncton AAA Tournament - finished 6th
- Summerside Tournament - finished 4th
- Amherst Tournament - Champions!
- Charlottetown Tournament - finished 2nd
- Antigonish Tournament - finished 2nd

The team was led by "seniors" Shane Pendergast, Ethan Craig, Jordan Reid and Yousef Sefau with great contributions by our second year and first year players. Although all leaving Mini Basketball to move to Jr. High play (also including Cameron Hoy, Alex Campbell and Garnet Baird) will be missed, our first year Mini players gained a great deal of experience and will hopefully carry on the Tigers Championship tradition!



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