

Hamilton Lacrosse Field Directors Report 2022

After a couple of challenging years for field lacrosse, the 2022 lacrosse season got off to a great start with the return of a traditional spring field season. Although our registration numbers were low; which was a common problem within most centres, we were able to make the best of it and offered teams for U11 and U15 players and combined our players with Burlington to offer a U17 team as well. The season ran smoothly and started with our U15's attending the Jammer Classic the first weekend of April and then the regular season started the following week. The regular season had its ups and downs with some big wins and tough losses, but all of the Hamilton teams showed up to Provincials ready to play and were all competitive within their respective divisions and age groups. The results were very encouraging and left us looking forward to a very successful 2023 season.

As the 2023 season approaches, I think we need to discuss making a few changes to our standard tryout procedures in order to encourage more kids to come out and play field. We could look at changing our traditional tryouts to practices/warm-ups, held in February and early March, but then have our official tryouts during the last few weeks of March or the start of April. This may make it more manageable for our current hockey families to make more tryouts. It may also alleviate the concerns of new parents that want their kids to play field but don't register because they are worried about missing too many tryouts in February and March due to their winter sport commitments.

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