

2020 – 2021 Season Review

Dear Hunterdon Bears Families,

Highlights

As our 12U B and 18U A teams prepare for their NJYHL Playoffs, it is a good time to reflect on the highlights of the 2020-2021 season. Amidst all of the COVID craziness, the Bears pulled together as an organization as well as with the larger hockey community to persevere. We constantly pushed to keep our players on the ice and our families safe while keeping up with ever-changing guidelines and protocols. Our players benefitted from a significant amount of extra practice time as skill clinics, goalie clinics, age-specific stick times, and private lesson slots were provided during various shut downs. Hockey provided our players a sense of normalcy and kept our community strong.

Teaming up with the Protec Ducks to help put on the “Stay at Home Shootout” at Flemington Ice Arena definitely stands out as a huge success. Though we couldn’t travel to Hershey, PA, we made the best of it at home, capturing tournament titles in 8U B and 10U A. Our 14U AA team traveled down to Igloo’s Thanksgiving Tournament and captured the championship in an impressive run. The 14U AA team also took first place at the Hollydell Shamrock Showdown. A huge thank you to all of our coaches for keeping our players and families focused on the game and for being able to adapt to any variable. Our Goalie Coach Mike Haggerty was always eager to get on the ice with our goalies, and I even had the pleasure of working with some of our rising stars between the pipes. Watch out for those 8U goalies!

Playoff Bound Bears

Let’s all cheer on our 12U B team led by Head Coach Beuk Forrest and Assistant Coach Mike Golembiewski along with our 18U A team led by Head Coach Beuk Forrest and Assistant Coaches John Turkynak and Jim Donnelly as they head into NJYHL Playoffs! It’s championship chasing season!

Looking Ahead to 2021-2022 Season

In the upcoming weeks, Flemington Ice Arena will run Pretryout Clinics to help players stay sharp, fine-tune skills and build hockey conditioning. We are looking forward to getting our players on the ice for an organized, fair tryout as we aim to assemble the best possible Bears teams for the 2021-2022 season. Check our Hunterdon Bears homepage for more information on tryouts. Our Midget program is shooting to capitalize on recent success in 14U, 16U and 18U as we plan for teams at 16U AA, 16U A, 18AA, and 18A. In addition to NJYHL league play, our top Midget teams will be offered full-ice weekend practices to further their development and prepare the teams for AAA competition in showcases and against top local competition.

We are excited to be planning for two teams in the 8U division after successful Fury House League seasons and a bolstered Learn to Play program. I would like to thank our Skating Director Jackie Kulick for her hard work bringing in new skaters and families as she continues to teach her skating curriculum to advance our figure skaters and hockey players through their development path.

Summer Camps

We are excited to be hosting 4 weeks of LPD Camps led by current USHL coach Mike Lysyj and his professional coaching staff. LPD’s Varsity and Futures Camps will offer unique development opportunities this summer. With individual off ice and on ice testing LPD strives to improve EVERY player. LPD will focus on skating, puck handling, small area skills, and awareness drills that will translate into game situations. Specific skill drills combined with high compete drills will provide each individual with the tools and a plan on how to use them in game. [Home | LPD est. 2020 \(weeblysite.com\)](#)