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## **Richmond Jets Programming Committee Final Report 2022-23 Season**

Overall, the season was a great success for Jets on ice at most levels.

Success was evident from the many banners won by 20 Jets teams combined between A and C

This is a fantastic achievement as close to one in three teams in U11 and above won a banner

The programming committee made a choice in mid-season, in conjunction with the Board as a whole, to create a new structure for Jets' on ice development. Linden Saip was hired as Jets Director of Hockey while Milton Chan was brought on to oversee the Rep "A" program

These two young hockey professionals have quickly integrated themselves into Jets day to day operations as we prepare for the upcoming 2023-24 season

Linden, working with the Programming Committee has compiled a very solid roster of Skills Providers for Jets' teams next season. Jets has a very solid group of Skills providers including Mats Lindgren, Linden Saip, Glenn Wheeler and Mat Leduc. Added to this group for the new season will be Reagan House, a young, well regarded power skating coach

Jets as an enviable skills program included in registration for all players U6 through U13. Subject to being able to secure more ice Jets will offer increased Opt In skills programming in 2023-24 including paid skills for U15A, U15C+U18C as well as power skating / skate to win sessions for U8+U9 and U11+U13. Discussions on position specific Opt In (paid) sessions, for example, defense , are ongoing

Jets' goalie skills program is robust. The association provides much more support for goalies as part of their basic membership than the vast majority of other local MHAs. There are opportunities for improvement on how the resources for this goalie program are used and allocated and, in conjunction with the Goalie Committee, will make a few changes prior to the start of next season.

The Committee and Linden have discussed the importance of truly developing a Jets' Way of playing hockey that will focus heavily on speed and skill as suits the demographic of our membership. Our Skills coaches will be asked to focus on speed, edgework and stick skills as major components of the sessions and work closer with team coaches than in the past to ensure continuity of messaging and technique to our players



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Both Linden, Milton and the Board want to develop a stronger RJMHA culture at the rink, on and off ice, through stronger communication and interaction with parents and players. A lot of positive progress has been made this past season but there is a lot of work to be done to instill the pride of being a Richmond Jets player