

RA Steen CC Hockey Program - 2022-23 Report



The 2022-23 hockey season marked the return to a more typical hockey environment than was experienced the past two years. St. James Minor Hockey Association (SJAMHA) players enjoyed a full indoor hockey season from September-March without interruptions. The stands were full of spectators, canteens were open, and the rinks were buzzing with energy again. RA Steen CC outdoor hockey program participants also enjoyed a complete season lasting upwards of 10-12 weeks due to the stable winter weather and sustainable ice conditions. All in all, the 2022-23 hockey season at RA Steen CC was very positive and rejuvenating.



RASCC U9 River Rats at Moose Big Ice Challenge

RASCC Hockey Registration 2022-23

This season, over eighty players ages 5-17 from RA Steen CC registered to play minor hockey in the St. James Minor Hockey Association (SJAMHA). RASCC players played at different levels (U7-U9 RASCC House League and U9-U18 AA, A1, A2, and A3) on a variety of teams throughout the association: the Canucks, Canadians, Female Rockets or Female Titans.

| Hockey Program | Participants |
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| SJAMHA Minor Hockey | 86 |
| U7-U9 Jackrabbits | 50 |
| U11-U15 Youth Shinny | 26 |
| She Shinny | 12 |
| Adult Shinny | 62 |
| Total | 236 |



RASCC U7 River Rats at Hockey Manitoba Jamboree

RASCC hosted six SJAMHA teams this year: RASCC U7 River Rats (Coach John McCulloch), RASCC U9 River Rats (Coach Eric Paas), St. James Canucks U11A1 (Coach Eric Paas), U11 A2 RASCC (Coach Jamie Vann), U11A2, U11 A3 RASCC (Coach Lukas Thiessen) and U13 A2 RASCC (Coach Steve Smith). It is always encouraging to see many RASCC players play at the U7 and U9 level, so they can establish a community at the RASCC house league level and continue to play hockey with peers from their community as they get older.

Our in-house RASCC outdoor hockey programs saw high enrollment this season as well. Our U7 and U9 Jackrabbits program coached by Mandy Fenning had over fifty participants enrolled. Our U11 and U15 Youth Shinny programs coached by Karl Thordarson were also popular with over twenty players enrolled. The RASCC Adult Shinny League had over sixty players enrolled on six teams and the She Shinny group had another 12 players enrolled.



St. James Canucks U11A2 RASCC participate in Orange Jersey Project



RASCC She Shinny players face-off during a Thursday night scrimmage

All in all, well over two hundred community members took part in RASCC hockey programs offered this season! Upwards of fifty parents from the RASCC community volunteered to coach and manage their children's teams as well. We are grateful for the countless hours that our parent volunteers committed to their children's hockey programs this season.

RASCC Hockey 2022-23 Season in Review



St. James Canadians U13AA Win B Side City Championship

RASCC-hosted minor hockey teams did not win any championships this season, but all teams enjoyed successes and new experiences such as playing at the Canada Life Centre for the Moose and Jets Big Ice Challenge and travelling to out-of-town tournaments. Congratulations to River Rats alumni Benny Johnson of the U13 AA Canadians whose team won the B-Side City Championship this season.

Due to a relatively mild winter with stable winter weather, the RASCC outdoor rink season was phenomenal. The rinks were open consistently from early December until Mid-March. The team from Hinterland Nature Co-op, supported by community volunteers were diligent in reliably keeping the ice flooded and cleared of snow for all to enjoy.



Female U9 Rockets in action at RASCC Winter Classic



RASCC Adult Shinny League players at Winter Classic

Our RASCC Winter Classic hockey event took place during the February 11 Winter Carnival and several teams of all ages were able to enjoy an outdoor game in mild weather on the RASCC outdoor rinks. Highlights of the event included the first ever female minor hockey game taking place on the RASCC rinks, with the U9 Rockets hosting the U9 Steinbach Millers and a spirited mixed squad adult shinny game to cap off the evening.

Thank you, players, parents and volunteers, for your dedication and teamwork in creating a positive hockey community and culture at RA Steen CC once again this season. We look forward to another outstanding hockey season in 2023-24!

Go River Rats, Canucks, Rockets, Titans and Canadians!

Eric Paas

RA Steen CC Hockey Director



RASCC U9 River Rats in action at Sturgeon Heights CC Tournament