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## **09-10 MRO Junior Report**

This was the first time in a long while that MRO offered a Jr A program. It was a good year for the young men. The team was coached by Daniel Mireault and myself, with assistance from Mark Goldberg and Mike O'Shea. The level of play in Lac St-Louis Jr A is very strong, but we managed to compete pretty well.

The MRO - St-Laurent Jr House League was lacking this year. Poor registration and a shortage of goalies were early obstacles that proved difficult to overcome. By December I managed to form two balanced teams, and all in all the young men had a pretty good year. The final finished in overtime and had to go to a shoot out.

### **Recommendations:**

For the Jr program to continue next year it will require more registration and at least 5 goalies; 2 in the A and 3 in the house league. Some players in the house could be registered to the A, but only used as back ups. (St-Laurent could do the same.) There have been suggestions of forming a Jr A and a Jr B. The rest of the players cut from these two teams would be released by MRO. I don't think it is a good idea, as we can fit more players in to the house league and the guys that are not on the A do enjoy the house league. The less structured league with no practices or coaches seems to appeal to them. Also by associating the league with St-Laurent we get 1 or 2 hours a week at the St-Laurent arena. This really helps the program.

It would be good to have the coaching staff for the A and someone responsible for the house league to coordinate with St-Laurent and do the player evaluations by early September.

I would recommend forming a Jr A team and continuing with 2 or 3 house league teams. The house league would be formed with players from MRO and St-Laurent.

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