

U9 and below 2025-26 Executive Report, VP Ian Starkman

The 2025/26 season was a success for the U9 below age category. The ability to offer different levels of hockey for new and experienced players allowed them to learn the game and improve their skills at the same time. Players and their families felt welcome into the Rangers community and allowed them the opportunity to have strong coaching for all levels. We were able to have two rep teams at U7, two at U8 and three at U9 all with experienced coaching.

The Rangers can offer families house league and competitive teams for their child to continue their growth. We have select teams for the Jr. Ranger's for a competitive feel that will get kids ready for Rep hockey. From U7 to U9 we had seven Rep Rangers teams that competed in the Tri County league. This level of hockey is a great stepping store for players to better understand the game before the AAA, AA, and A levels in U10.

Our U9 MD1, MD2 and MD3 teams were able to play full ice hockey for the entire season which was a great announcement from Hockey Canada in August. These teams were able to learn the game of full ice hockey and allow them to compete with some of the best teams in the provinces at various tournaments.

The season ended with our Shrink the Rink tournament for U8 and below as teams from all over Ontario competed and had fun playing hockey together. Families enjoyed our great rinks and community while the players were all together for a fun weekend of hockey. At our U9 level we hosted the Oakville Full Ice Face-Off tournament that showcased some of the best talent in Ontario, as teams from all over competed for the title of best U9 team. It was a great event and our very own Oakville Rangers U9MD1 team was able to capture the championship on the final day.