



Avoca Hockey Club

Boys Section Annual Report 2019-2020

As of the end of season there were 67 underage boys registered to play in the club. In the weeks prior to training finishing there were 4 new boys yet to be registered so including them the numbers would be around 70. The numbers split roughly 50:50 between primary aged players and secondary aged players. The biggest increase in numbers was in the u8/u10 age group. An U12 schools and club blitz had been planned for just before Easter with the aim of recruiting more players in this age group prior to them starting secondary school but unfortunately circumstances didn't allow for this.

I would like to thank all the coaches who worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm throughout the year with the boys – Mark, Oisin, Andrew, Trevor, Roan, Matt, Mick and Dave. Also my thanks to Jamie Lawlor for overseeing the U12 training sessions and U10 blitzes, to Susie French and Donal O'Sullivan for helping with the U16 group and to all the parents who stood on the side lines during training, blitzes and matches with good humour irrespective of the result – they made my job much easier.

The U8/U10 group of boys played a number of interclub blitzes and improved throughout the season – a number of these boys will move up to play 6v6 format next season

The U112 group of boys participated in both league and friendly matches with an 8v8 format including a goalie. They showed consistent improvement as the season progressed and made it to the semifinal of the league where they were unlucky to miss out on a place in the final.

U16 boys had a mixed season in a very competitive A League. They reached the semifinal of the Cup where they came up against a very strong Monkstown team, who on the day secured a place in the final, after a highly competitive game where Avoca boys never gave up. Many of the group also made their senior hockey debuts playing for the men's 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams. 10 of the boys will be moving up to mens hockey in the new season and we wish them all the best

Players Awards

U8/U10 Player of the Year Harry Lawlor

U8/U10 Most Improved Player Finn Condon

U8/U10 Club Personality Fionn O'Donnell

U12 Player of the Year Oskar Nielson

U12 Most Improved Player Daniel Cunningham

U12 Club personality of the year Seamus Cherry

U16 Player of the Year Oran O'Sullivan

U16 Most Improved Player Jacob Llewellyn

U16 Club personality of the year Harry Merton