

Clarington Girls Hockey Association

Applefest REP tournament

Coinciding with Bowmanville's Applefest street festival, the Clarington Girls Hockey Association hosted the annual Clarington Flames Applefest tournament this past weekend.

The weekend of hockey started on Friday, Oct 14 and wrapped up on Sunday, Oct 16. Teams from across Ontario travelled to Clarington to participate in this early season event.

Multiple teams in the OWSHA REP age divisions from U11 to U18 and their respective levels (AA, A, BB and B) competed in the ice hockey tournament. There was a total of 267 games played during

the event. Arenas in Bowmanville (Rickard Complex), Courtice, Hampton, Orono and Newcastle played host to games during the tournament.

Several CGHA teams found success. Tourney wrap-ups for the Clarington winner and finalists follow:

Clarington U11 AA take gold

The Clarington U11 AA Flames are the gold medal champions of the 2022 Applefest tournament.

In the round-robin games, the AA Flames reeled off three consecutive wins before dropping their fourth match. They opened with a 4-0 shutout over the Mississauga Hurricanes, doubled up on Stoney

Creek (4-2), and edged Waterloo (2-1). In the final preliminary game, Clarington lost a close game (0-1) to the London Devilettes.

Having accumulated six points in the qualifying games, the U11 AA Flames finished second out of eight teams in Pool A and qualified for the play-off round.

The Flames' opposition in the semi-final game was a familiar foe, the London Devilettes. Clarington turned the tables from their previous encounter and posted their own 1-0 win to advance to Finals.

In the gold medal game, the Clarington U11 AA Flames faced the Peterborough Ice Kats. An exciting, close game was decided by a 1-0 score that favoured the Flames. Gold medal for Clarington!

Clarington U11 A – excellent round but short of playoff

The U11 A Flames claimed six of a possible eight points in the round-robin of the A/BB division of the Applefest tourney. Unfortunately, they were seeded third in the A group after preliminary play and did not qualify for the one-game championship playdown.

The Flames posted a shutout win over Whitby (4-0), slipped past Peterborough (2-1), annihilated Stoney Creek (7-0) and finished with a loss to Nepean (1-3). Their 3-1 record left them tied with the North Halton Twisters behind the Nepean Wildcats. The tie

was decided by the GF/GA % tie-breaking procedure. Clarington had compiled a strong 14-4 differential but Nepean prevailed with a superior 19-3 scoring advantage.

Clarington U11 B Flames

With four teams in the B group of the Applefest tourney all entries were assured of qualifying for the Semi-final play-off round. The round-robin games were important to evaluate the opposition and gain the best seed possible for the play-offs.

The U11 B Flames tallied three points in the three preliminary games to finish in third place in the grouping. The Flames opened with an impressive 7-1 win over the Oshawa Lady Generals. Their second game finished as a 2-2 tie with the North Halton Twisters. The Flames were downed 5-1 by the North Durham Blades in the opening series.

With third seed, the Flames were matched against second place North Durham. The Blades proved that their round-robin win over the Flames was not a fluke and took a 5-0 win the semi-final game to eliminate Clarington U11 B.

Championship laurels for Clarington U13 AA Flames

In the four team U13AA division at the Applefest tournament, the Clarington entry claimed top honours. In the three game round-robin the Flames compiled a 1-1-1 record. Clarington sawed off (2-2) with the Whitby Wildcats, suffered a one goal loss (2-3) versus the Waterloo Ravens and rebounded for a 3-1 win over the Kingston Ice Wolves.

With three points in the standings, the U13 AA Flames were tied for second with Whitby behind leader Kingston. The Flames were given the second seed based on a superior GF/GA factor.

The relegation between second and third place proved rather inconsequential as Clarington and Whitby faced off against each other in the semi-final. The Flames put on a display of dominance and overwhelmed Whitby 5-1 and gained entry to the championship game.

In the gold medal game faced the Kingston Wolves. The Wolves had accumulated only two points in the qualifying games and were seeded fourth entering the play-off round. Kingston upset the top seeded Waterloo Ravens to reach the final. Clarington doubled up (4-2) on Kingston to claim the AA championship.

Golden weekend for Clarington U13 BB Flames

The Clarington U13 BB Flames were top of their class in this past weekend's Applefest REP tournament.

The Flames posted the best record in the round-robin portion of the tournament. In four games, they won three games and tied once. In the preliminary games, they defeated North Halton (3-1), tied Kingston (3-3), blitzed Whitby (5-1) and edged Lindsay (2-1). With the first seed, Clarington U13 BB faced off against second place Whitby Wolves in the championship. The Flames controlled the game and posted a 4-0 shutout to claim division honours.



Gold medals for the Clarington U11 AA Flames. The AA Flames won their division at the recent Applefest tournament hosted by the Clarington Girls Hockey Association. The team gathered after their championship match for the traditional group picture while displaying their medals and championship banner. Members of the club (not in order to picture) are:

Payton Langley, Keaton Caruana, Kylie Waugh, Leighton Small, Mackenzie Moore, Adele Keeler, Addyson McGrath, Annabelle Chiasson, Kenzie MacCallum, Hannah Kirby-Wilson, Madeline Ponte, Lily Mundy, Milanya Pawlak, Avery Purdy, Lilah Crouch, Katelyn Pakosta and Britton Mulrooney. The coaches and staff are: Derek McGrath, Matt Caruana, Luc Chiasson, Mike Pawlak and Candace Langley
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Clarington U13 AA claimed gold at the Applefest tournament staged in Bowmanville and other nearby rinks this past weekend. After their 4-2 win in the Final game, the team celebrated with gold medals and a championship banner. Photo credit – CGHA social media feeds.



Clarington U13 BB Flames gather after their championship victory in the 2022 CGHA Applefest tournament. (Photo credit – Clarington Flames (CGHA) social feeds.