

## Field Report for 2024 AGM

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2024 proved to be another successful year for Hamilton's spring field program. Once again, we were able to field teams in every age group from U9 through to U17. Registration numbers were low for a few of the age groups, however, we managed to make it through the season without any issues. Our U9 program continues to grow, and the numbers look promising especially for future growth and larger rosters at all ages.

Our season started with indoor training and tryouts throughout February and March, and then we moved outdoors in early April for both games and practices. The regular season had its ups and downs with some big wins and tough losses, but all of the Hamilton teams showed up to Provincials ready to play and all were competitive within their respective divisions and age groups. Our U11 team in particular had a great season and took gold at provincials, and the overall results in all age groups were very encouraging and left us looking forward to another successful spring season in 2025.

The fall field program for 2024 underwent some big changes. The U9, U11 and U13 divisions were changed from their traditional field formats to the newer sixes format. A big thank you goes to Joel Firmin for heading up the sixes teams which allowed me to focus on our U22 field team. The OMFLL planned to offer U15 and U17 programming, however, with extremely low registration numbers across the province, they were forced to cancel the season. While it was disappointing, it will hopefully lead to some positive changes in how the field leagues are run and will lead to a better structured league.

This year's results were very encouraging, and the positive feedback that we received from numerous families leaves us confident that the 2025 season will be another great success with continued growth on and off the field.