

Sabah Sports School Malaysia are Inter-Learning Institution Women Hockey League champs

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Sports School Malaysia (SSMS) under-15 squad emerged overall champions in the Inter-Learning Institution Women Hockey League 2016/2017 which ended here over the weekend.

SSMS U-15 showed their prowess by winning five of the six circuits in the league, which started in mid-September last year.

A total of 17 games were played throughout the league which saw four teams contesting namely SSMS U-15, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Adler, SMK Tun Fuad Stephens Kiulu (STFS) and IPG Gaya who joined the competition in the second circuit.

SSMS U-15 accumulated 13 wins, three draws and one defeat for 42 points to cement victory, which they capped topping the league from the first to fifth circuit.

The only defeat for SSMS U-15 came in the last circuit when they went down 0-1 to UMS Adler, who went on to finish top in the last circuit.

However, UMS Adler settled for second place overall with 35 points (10 wins, five draws, two losses).

STFS were third with eight points (four wins, two draws, 11 losses) followed by IPG Gaya with three points from 15 matches.



FOR THE ALBUM ... SSMS U-15 squad pose with Heirwan and Madsarin (both back row, middle) after the prize presentation.

SSMS U-15 also bagged two individual awards for the League Best Player (Aina Ruzana Mohd Azlan) and Top Scorer (Nurekhmah Najwa Sofian).

Siti Fitri Radin of UMS Adler and IPG Gaya won the Best Goalkeeper and Fair Play awards respectively.

SSMS with collaboration from the Youth and Sports Ministry and Sabah Sports Council (SSC) organised the league.

The organisers, in a statement yesterday, said the objectives included developing SSMS hockey especially for its back-up athletes as well as technical officials for women's category.

Apart from that, it was also to prepare the juniors for major tournaments so that they will be ready when roped into the senior squad.

The organisers also confirmed that the league will return for its

second edition where they hoped to attract more teams such as from within and outside Sabah.

The organisers are also planning to allow teams to register a maximum of three import players to add excitement and toughness to the league.

Sports Development Officer of SSC, Heirwan Shah Masari, and SSMS principal Madsarin Rahim presented the prizes to the winners.