

2008
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS



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PARTICIPANT GUIDEBOOK

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USA Hockey Player Development Camps

Each summer USA Hockey conducts Select Player Development Camps for young athletes from throughout the country. The athletes are chosen from tryouts conducted within USA Hockey Districts, with some slots reserved for at-large selections. The goal is to attract the best players, in their specific age group, to our national program.

The purpose of the Camps is to identify, train, educate and evaluate our best athletes. Individuals are selected by Districts to attend the week-long event. During this week, our players are evaluated by our national scouting program, college and junior recruiters and professional scouts. The competition gives each player the opportunity to measure themselves against others his/her age, gain knowledge about his/her development and to be exposed to outstanding coaching. At times, teams will be chosen from certain Camps for international competition. This year a team will be chosen from each the Select 16 Camp, Select 17 Camp and several of the Girls' Select Camps for international competition.

For the boys, this program is not a tryout for our National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor. By the same token, our national staff does take part by testing our athletes physically and mentally, conducting lectures and evaluating their ability.

The format of each program creates a very competitive atmosphere. This is to provide a setting with which athletes will compete at their highest level. It is not a tournament, but rather a grueling week of training and competition meant to improve and showcase our players.

It is essential that all participants, particularly staff, understand that while they may have been recommended by their District, they are part of the USA Hockey National Player Development Program while at Camp. Rules that have been put in place must be followed and everyone must work together for a successful program. The Camp Director is in charge and everyone must have the same goals in mind.

While competition is meant to be intense (in order to see that the players display their best efforts), winning is not the top priority. The top priority is that players have a great week of development. We want the players interact with players from the other areas and to bond as elite American players in our national program.

USA Hockey realizes the tremendous role our Districts play in the success of the program. Our Districts have done a great job identifying and training their players, but it is the wish of the Player Development Committee that no one goes overboard in preparation for the Camps. It is our hope that the cost to the participants be reasonable and certainly as inexpensive as possible.

In some instances, we may combine a Camp with an Officials' Camp. It is important for everyone to understand that it is essential for us to develop elite officials, as well as players.

The following materials are intended to provide information about this year's USA Hockey National Player Development Camps. More detailed information will be given to each District's Player Development.



Representative—boys and girls. The girls' registration packets will be sent directly to each player by the National Office upon receipt of their name and contact information by the Girls' District Player Development Representative. The boys' registration packets will be sent directly to each player by the National Office upon receipt of their name and contact information or the District Player Development Representative will be sent the appropriate number of player information packets to distribute to the selected players immediately following the conclusion of their District tryouts.

Players will make the \$125 payment directly to USA Hockey and include this Camp registration fee with their registration paperwork that they send directly to the National Office. Thus, alleviating the Districts of this cumbersome step.

At this time, we would request that the appropriate person review the enclosed Duties and Responsibilities for the “Camp Team Leader” positions and select highly-qualified, motivated people to fill these extremely important positions. Please utilize the included forms to submit these candidates by April 13, 2008.

It is greatly appreciated that each District follow the guidelines and procedures established for the 2008 Player Development Camps. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Let's all work together to assure that everyone completely understands their role and the purpose of the program. The following pages are the various elements to ensure all Camps are conducted to the standards that our American players deserve.

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PLAYER BRIEFING SHEET

COST

Participants will be required to pay a \$125, non-refundable registration fee for the Player Development Camps (This includes ice costs, jerseys, socks, food and housing expenses).

CONDUCT

We ask that you consider your selection to participate in this Camp as an honor and privilege and to conduct yourself accordingly. Be alert to all instructions given both on and off the ice. Be respectful at all times. Always be on time!

TRANSPORTATION

Each player is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the Camp. Transportation will be provided from the Albany airport to the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, from the Rochester airport to the ESL Sports Centre in Rochester and from the Minneapolis airport to the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times.

IDENTIFICATION

All participants at all USA Hockey Camps must wear their ID tag at all times when they are off the ice. In addition, each player must arrive at the Camp with his/her name printed clearly on the front of his/her helmet. A minimum 2" piece of white adhesive tape should be used with your name printed with a black marker.

EQUIPMENT

You must bring full hockey gear, including sticks. All participants must wear a USA Hockey HECC approved helmet and facemask. Facemasks, mouthguards and the required helmet earpieces are mandatory. USA Hockey will provide a jersey and socks that you may keep. All baggage should be tagged, including your hockey equipment bag.



CLOTHING

Only casual clothing, such as T-shirts, shorts, warm-ups, sneakers, sweat shirts, etc., are needed. Washer and dryer facilities are available on site. It is suggested that, for the plane trip back and forth, appropriate clothing be worn such as jeans, khakis, golf shirts, dress shorts, etc. Girls wearing halters, mini-skirts and/or short-shorts that are deemed inappropriate by the Camp staff will be asked to change and not wear that piece of clothing for the remainder of the Camp. Note: All players are required to bring at least two (2) towels.

MONEY

You will not need money for food and lodging, so be guided accordingly. We recommend that you do not bring large amounts of cash. There might be other optional activities available such as swimming, open gym, movie night, etc. that the campers will need to pay for on their own. USA Hockey staff will be present at all activities.

MERCHANDISE

There will be merchandise (designed and produced through the National Office) for sale at all of the Camps. Prices for the merchandise (hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, etc.) vary depending on the product. Credit cards, traveler's checks and cash will be accepted. Merchandise will be displayed in an easily accessible area for all participants.

DRUG TESTING

The Olympic Training Center may conduct random drug tests at all USA Hockey Camps. Cooperation is mandatory; non-compliance will be cause for the same penalties as a positive drug test. Please be advised that most over-the-counter and prescription drugs contain banned substances. If you are taking any medication, you may call the USADA Hotline (1-800-233-0393) or check www.usantidoping.org to verify if they contain banned substances.

PASSPORTS

Note: USA Hockey recommends that all participants at our Select 16 Camp, Select 17 Camp, Girls' Select 16 Camp and Girls' Select 17 Camp obtain a U.S. passport. As a participant in one of our national level programs, it is possible that you may be selected to compete in international competition. Obtaining a U.S. passport prior to the Camp will save you money, time and inconvenience in the future. Applications are available through the U.S. Postal Service. All players that currently have a passport should check the expiration date to ensure that the passport is valid through November of 2008.

VISITATION

Parents/friends may visit the Olympic Training Center, National Hockey Center and ESL Sports Centre. No visitors shall be in the dormitory and/or locker rooms without the consent of the Camp Director. Players are expected to follow their daily schedules fully and should not make other plans during the course of the Camp.

CELL PHONE/PDAs/IPHONES

Players may bring cell phones, PDAs, Blackberrys, iPhones to the camp. However, all devices must be turned off or placed in the silent mode during all camp activities including in the classroom, cafeteria, meetings and locker



PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

USOC Rules and Regulations

- * The training facilities are for and limited to the purpose of providing adequate housing, meals and recreation for potential Olympic athletes and registered Camp participants. There are no housing facilities for friends, wives, husbands, children, parents, etc., unless they are serving at an official NGB function.
- * Rooms are to remain as they are set up. Do not move furniture to other rooms.
- * Alcoholic beverages, mood altering drugs and/or tobacco in any form on any Training Center premises are strictly prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in an immediate dismissal from the Camp.
- * Absolutely no pets on the Training Center premises. USA Hockey Rules and Regulations
- * We ask that you consider your selection to participate in a Camp as an honor and privilege and to conduct yourself accordingly. Be alert to all instructions given both on and off the ice. Be respectful at all times.
- * We ask that all participants (including staff) wear the provided name tags at all times, except when on the ice.
- * You are responsible for your own schedule. Tardiness to any Camp function will not be tolerated. BE ON TIME!
- * Any disrespect displayed toward any staff member or other participant may result in immediate dismissal from the respective Camp.
- * Major penalties during games will result in a game misconduct for the offending player(s).
- * The curfew on noise is 10:30 p.m. In consideration of others, please observe quiet hours on housing floors. The curfew will be 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise instructed by the Camp Director. Any participant found outside their room after bed check may be subject to immediate dismissal from the Camp.
- * All dormitory rooms must be kept in neat and clean condition. Prior to leaving at the end of the Camp, the condition of your room will be inspected by the Camp Director and his/her staff in order for you to be released.



PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

USOC Rules and Regulations (con't)

- * Please note that your Camp behavior is being observe, both on and off the ice, by the entire staff, at all times during the Camp and is a factor in determining participants that deserve further opportunities in USA Hockey programs.

- * Players and staff are expected to bus their own tables. Unruly behavior and/or obscene language in the cafeteria will not be tolerated.

- * Hats will NOT be worn in the cafeteria.

- * Any action that, in the opinion of the Camp Director and his/her staff, is deemed to be detrimnal to the well being of the program, will result in suspension or dismissal from the Camp (under these circumstances, transportation home would be at the player's own expense), and will affect the individual's eligibility for future USA Hockey programs. This includes the use of alcohol and/or possession of non-prescription drugs, prescption drugs that are not prescribed to him/her, tobacco and smokeless tobacco products.



Hockey Equipment Certification Council



All players are required to wear HECC certified helmets, facemasks and/or goalkeeper head and face protection. Any player who is not wearing HECC approved models will be ruled off the ice until the equipment is corrected. This policy would include any piece of HECC certified equipment that is deemed to be altered.

A current listing of HECC approved equipment can be found on the Hockey Equipment Certification Council website at: www.hecc.net. This website is updated on a regular basis with any new equipment that has recently been certified. However, the information on the HECC site only includes products that are currently still being manufactured. If in doubt as to the legality of a helmet, facemask and/or goalkeeper head and face protection, the questioned piece of equipment should have a HECC sticker attached.

Please remember that all players, including goalkeepers, in the 12 & Under through 18 & Under (including High School) and in the Girls'/Women's 10 & Under through 19 & Under age classifications are required to wear a colored (non-clear) mouthpiece which covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. It is recommended that the mouthpiece be form-fitted by a dentist.



2008 SELECT CAMP GAME PROCEDURES

The following format will be used during the 2008 Camps:

1. Teams should arrive at the rink one (1) hour before game time. The Team Leader should check in with Camp Director upon arrival.
2. Teams will take the ice five (5) minutes before scheduled game time for a five (5) minute warm-up.
3. All games will start on time.
4. Games will consist of two (2) twenty-five (25) minute stop time halves.
5. A player will serve one and a half (1:30) minutes for a minor penalty.
6. Each goalkeeper **MUST** play one half of each game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. Teams will return to their locker room between halves during resurfacing.
8. Teams will start the game defending the net opposite of their home bench and will change ends for the second half of the game.
9. Overtime will not be played; however, a shoot-out will be held in the case of a tie. At the conclusion of the tied game, coaches shall submit to the referee the order and numbers of the first five players to participate in the shoot-out, as well as which goaltender will participate. If a winner is not determined after the first five shooters, the shoot-out will continue one shooter at a time until a winner is determined. A shooter cannot be used twice until a full team rotation has been complete. If the game remains tied after all shooters have shot, the shooters must continue in the same order as the first round until a winner is decided.
10. Following the game, the teams will shake hands before leaving the ice.
11. All USA Hockey rules will be followed, with the exception of icing being allowed during a penalty kill. The short-handed team will be called for icing should the puck be iced when down a player.
12. The mouthpiece, facemask and earpiece rules will be enforced by the officials.
13. While we do not expect the situation to occur, the USA Hockey 15 penalty rule will be enforced. A Team Coach will serve the one game misconduct.

Please Note: On-ice officials will supervise all games. Any changes in format or problems should be discussed prior to the start of the game with the Camp Director.



Departure Information

Transportation will be provided from the Albany airport to the OTC in Lake Placid, from the Rochester airport to the ESL Sports Centre in Rochester and from the Minneapolis airport to the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times.

Departure

There will be designated pick-up locations and times for all participating players and staff.

Dormitory Check-Out

Dormitory check-out will be supervised by the Team Leaders. Team Leaders are responsible for inspecting the entire room for cleanliness (cleaning fees will be charged to the players for rooms that are excessively dirty) and damage. They are responsible for collecting and turning in keys (a fee will be charged for any lost key) to the front desk and luggage transportation.

Players are responsible for:

- Packing all belongings
- Emptying all garbage cans
- Sweeping each room
- Folding all blankets
- Returning sheets, pillowcase, towel and wash cloth in middle of the floor
- Turning key into Team Leader (\$85 lost key charge)
- Having all belongings outside dorm prior to specific pick-up time
- Loading personal luggage AND hockey equipment at specified time



Departure Information (con't)

Bus Transportation Schedule

Bus transportation schedules will be created based on player travel schedules.

Players are expected to depart the Camp at the date and time so designated by the National Office. We understand there may be a case or two of departures having to be delayed a day due to the geographic constraints of some players. These will be handled on an individual basis only. Players are responsible for their own room and board on stayovers and must vacate the Camp at the stated time. One adult must remain with any player who has a stayover.

Early Departure

The parent or legal guardian of all minor aged players must sign an Early Release Form, if a player decides to leave Camp earlier than the assigned date/time. No minor age player may leave Camp without the approval of the Camp Director and a properly completed "Early Release Form."



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EARLY RELEASE FORM

Room Inspection Check-Out Completed: Yes _____ No _____

Camp Director: _____

Team Leader: _____

I request an early release for _____ from the
_____ Camp. This participant will not return to the Camp site after
the date and time as signed below.

As the parent/guardian of this participant, I consent to his/her release from the:

- United States Olympic Training Center - Lake Placid
- St. Cloud State University
- Monroe Community College

and release the United States Olympic Committee, USA Hockey and all of the dormitories
and facilities of any and all liabilities incident to his/her early release with his/her
involvement in this Camp.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____