

Dear Hockey Parents



With the advent of changes from the OMHA, (as indicated in the OMHA handbook section 3.6 page 85-85) Woolwich Minor Hockey is making changes as to how we will handle player request to play with an older team.

A system will be put in place where several steps must be followed to proceed in order through this process.

We are not here to produce Junior draft selections or National Hockey League players. Nor can we promise a college or university scholarship. Rather, we are here to assist in the development of children as individuals and team members. Hockey, like all team sports, is about making life long friends. Our goal is to bring a group of individuals together that will work for a common goal (the team). Pursuing one's individual goals and ambitions is solely up to the player and his or her own ability and desire. The coaches we select have a mandate to increase your child's hockey knowledge and an understanding of the skills required to be successful.

The criteria for a player to move up is that they must currently be in the top 3 of this years team and then in the following tryout be in the top 3 of the older team.

There will be independent evaluators that will do the preliminary and if necessary the tryout evaluation. Coaches will not be making the decision if the player may move up, rather if given the opportunity would like to use a younger player on their team.

The steps for movement:

1. An application sent to the VP of Rep Hockey (Paul Wilson) with the name, player number and team player is currently playing for.

Application sent to cpairbrush@cyg.net by February 26, 2010

2. The current coaching staff will be approached by the VP of Rep to see where they would rank the player. If in the top 3 of their team move on to next step.
3. The independent group will evaluate the player during the current season's playoffs. At this point the parents will be contacted with the results.
4. Players moving forward to the final step will be once again evaluated by the independent board only this time during the first tryouts with the older teams.

From this point the coach and parents will be notified of the results. In the event that the evaluators feel that the player can play at the higher level the coach will be notified and from this point the coach has the decision if he would like to use this player.

It will be the player's responsibility to be at one of the first three tryouts with his proper age.

Other centers have used a similar process and have found even though they receive a large number of applications only one or two move through the entire process. With this in mind please make sure that this is what your player really wants to do before starting the application.

This procedure will only act as a one year release and must be repeated yearly. During the evaluation any contact with the evaluators will void the application.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your current hockey year and all the best in future games.

Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

Paul Wilson