



Kansas City Youth Hockey Association Communication

To: KCYHA Families

From: KCYHA President Tom Tilley

Kansas City Youth Hockey Association is pleased to announce that Jim Krueger and Drew (DJ) Wiles have accepted the co-position of Travel Hockey Director for the KC Mavs Travel Hockey Program. Both Jim and DJ have been head coaches and huge contributors to our travel program over the last several years. They will remain head coaches but will also co-coordinate all aspects of the KC Mavs Travel Hockey Program.

They will work to organize and operate the travel program including evaluating and selecting the travel coaches, organizing and running the travel hockey selection process and communicating directly with the travel coaches to ensure the players and families have a great experience. Our goal is for the travel players to develop to their fullest potential while playing at the appropriate level against teams that will push them to get there. They are both outstanding coaches and great people to lead the highest level of hockey in our unified organization.

DJ was born in Des Moines, Iowa where he played travel hockey until he moved to the Overland Park area and continued playing travel hockey at the AAA level for the Stars program. DJ also played for his high school team Blue Valley Northwest. DJ was coached & trained by both Pat Ferschweiler and Jason Herter. This will be his fourth year as head coach for Mavs Travel and has coached his teams to Missouri State Championships three years in a row. DJ resides in Olathe, KS with his wife and son.

Jim Krueger grew up in Des Moines, Iowa playing AA travel hockey for the Des Moines Jr. Buccaneers and high school hockey for the Des Moines Capitals. He played junior hockey for the Utah Jr. Grizzlies and college hockey for Drake University. Jim has coached travel hockey for 11 years and has coached multiple teams to Missouri State Championships. Jim lives in Kansas City, Missouri with his wife and two daughters.

There will be more information on the KC Mavs travel program, including tryout dates and the tryout process being communicated in the coming weeks.

Have a great summer and we look forward to the 4th season of KC Mavs Travel!