



KC Mavs 8U Travel Team Announcement



KC Mavs Travel Hockey Directors Jim Krueger and DJ Wiles are pleased to announce that this upcoming 2018-2019 season we are forming an 8U House Travel division under the KC Mavs Travel Program. This will be a great opportunity for kids to get a taste of what Travel Hockey will look like in years to come, but at a pace more suited for players at this age.

We have been looking around trying to see what other hockey communities utilize as part of their 8U player development. This stood out to be not only common theme around USA Hockey but one that really brings this groups development to a new level.

How many teams will there be?

We are hoping to form two teams either based on skill level or based on birth years (possibly 2010 and 2011). Team composition will be determined through a tryout process.

Who can play?

This will be open to all kids within KCYHA who are of age and can make the commitment to extra practices and games on top of their home club 8U team. Players must continue to play for their home club to participate on this team.

What is the goal?

The goal of this program is to provide a higher, more specific level of training to 8U players and give them a glimpse of what skill and effort it takes to be a travel hockey player. It will also keep kids who are of 8U age within the division instead of jumping up an age group to find more competition. This program will bring a new level of development to 8U players across the area. Practices will be at the various rinks in the area.

How will this affect the U8 team we currently play on?

The players who are interested in the program will still practice and play games within their own club, then this group of kids will have practice outside of their normal house league regular season and practice with this core group of players. Travel will be minimal distances (Omaha, Des Moines, St. Louis). The number of tournaments and practices is still to be determined and will share more information as we get closer to the season.

How is this different from house select?

This differs from house select as it brings all clubs together to form the teams. House Select teams are chosen from within a club.

How will teams be picked?

Teams will be picked after a tryout period. More details will be released as they become available.

Coordinator:

Matt McLin will be joining us to help get this off the ground running. He is not only bringing some great insight to us, but more importantly he is excited to help grow the game of hockey starting at our youngest levels. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

Parent Info Meeting:

Wednesday July 11th 6:30pm at KC Ice Center in Shawnee, KS.

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