



EPHA Hockey Development Committee

August 19, 2025

Present: Jessica Kiecker, Ryan Richards, Aric Day, Maria Waltman, Lincoln Nguyen, Dani Benson, Joe Bianchi, Jason Blake, Joe Krmpotich

Absent: Mike Sarazine, Steve Persian, John Konrad

Call to order: 8/19/25 @ 7:04 Eagles Nest

Notes

- Preseason Clinics Plan:
 - Taking suggestions for the remaining open clinics to draft plans that align with the concepts/skills we have agreed on for the levels in development model
 - Most, if not all, sessions have been filled. More popular than anticipated
 - Needing a few more LEAD instructors pre-season clinics. HDC members are the preferred choice for these open spots.
- Preseason Games:
 - Filling referees, when possible.
 - RSVPs for players to join the sessions they are available to participate. Primarily weekend dates.
- Tryout drills review: Still need to finalize the Bantam and PeeWee drills for tryouts
 - Last year
 - Agility/Skating
 - 1-on-1: give and go
 - 2-on-1 with backchecker
 - Across ice 3-on-3
 - Zone 2-on-2
 - Suggestions to look at new 2v1
- Leveling & Team size decisions: Utilize pre-season clinics and tryouts to further provide talent analysis data if needed. Prioritize development, competitive balance, with making a final decision on what environment is best for the majority of players, not individual players.
 - Squirts: 6 teams- A, B1, 3- B2, C or A, B1, 2-B2, 2-C
 - PeeWees: Registration in flux, new members. 4 teams- AA, B1, B2, C or 5 teams- AA, B1, 2-B2, C
 - Bantam: 4 teams- AA, B1, B2. C or AA, B1, 2-B2
 - 15U: Partnership with Bloomington. Hard to predict final #s until High School tryouts. Plan for 2 teams A and B
 - 12U: Partnership with Bloomington. EP players option to try out for the A/B1 teams at Bloomington.
- Player Development Framework



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- Development habits, concepts and level specific skills for the 3 development pillars.
- Every week, practices should include the concepts and habits outlined in the document. Building a consistent base from the SQ/10U level, adding more detail and skill as they progress through the levels.
- Drill samples should be brought to the next meeting to review skill/concept coverage.
- Utilization of Coach Them app to house drills

Action items

- Tryout drill options
- Suggestions for development framework model sample drills for habits, concepts, fundamental skills at each level