

## **2021 MAHA Select Camps**

### **MAHA Boys Player Selection Camp Process**

The MAHA District Selection Camps, the 14 & 15 Selection Camps, and the 16 & 17 Selection Camp are designed to provide opportunities for the top male and female Michigan hockey players per respective birth age for advancement within the MAHA Selection Camp Process and to the USA Hockey National Development Camps. These opportunities are available to players in the 14U through 17U birth years who are USA Citizens, reside or play in Michigan District of USA Hockey, and are registered with USA Hockey for the current season. Players that are not permanent residents can participate and progress through the Michigan Development Camps, but National Camp Selections are considered and approved by their respective home District (permanent address), and count against their respective home District number allocations (15/16/17 impacted only).

The 2021 MAHA Selection Camp Process is focused on improving the player experience combined with a robust and consistent player evaluation process. Continuous improvements to the registration process, number of ice sessions, number evaluation data points, bench coach strategy, district to district camp consistency, and camp communication and transparency is ongoing. All modifications are intended to enhance player evaluation opportunities, player experience, and overall camp satisfaction while ensuring that the top players from our district move forward in the player selection process.

### **Player Development Camp Dates and Formats**

Covid had a significant impact on all of the Player Development Camps. Dates for all camps were affected, and the format for both the Boys and Team Michigan camps were changed.

For Team Michigan, instead of a weekend camp in Chelsea, the format was changed to 3 single day events, where each participant played in a 2-hour games. The events were held in Chelsea, Gaylord, and Grand Rapids. Two teams were chosen for the CCM NIT in Minnesota April 22-25. Our Seniors went 2-2, and our Junior team finished 1-3.

The Girls Development Camp was held May 21-23 in Grand Rapids. Jean and her staff did an excellent job, and the camp was a success.

For the Boys Development Camps, significant changes were made due to Covid. LSSU was canceled for this year. As a result, the committee decided to hold an 8-team "festival" for each age group, and eliminated the District Camps. The festivals were held at the following locations:

2004 – Dearborn May 21-23

2005 – Taylor May 14-16

2006 – Lansing May 14-16

2007 – Lansing May 21-23

Overall, the camps were a success. Based on the information gathered during the camps, format changes in the future are being considered. District Camps will most likely return for the 14's and 15's, along with LSSU. The 16's and 17's may have their format altered due to the demographics of where players are coming from.

More information will be communicated in the coming months.

Special thanks goes to Jim Cosgrove, who once again did an excellent job handling the financial aspect of the camps in an accurate and timely manner.

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