

**Subject: Boys High School Report**

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### **2016-17 Outlook**

- It looks like departures are up a little from last year with a number of players going to Omaha to play U16 hockey. Like last year, however, most of the big names will be back, led by Casey Mittelstadt of Eden Prairie.
- Some elite players leave because of unsettled coaching situations.
- No significant rules changes.

### **MHCA Initiatives**

- MHCA is proposing several significant changes to the season length. This includes more games, ~~an earlier start date, and an enhanced off-season waiver period where contact between players and coaches would be allowed.~~ The MSHSL should act upon these requests by the Fall 2016.
- Fall clinic has been moved from October to September and we partnered with USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, the Minnesota Wild, and NBC SportsEngine to expand and enhance the clinic. Moving to September will allow college coaches to participate. This year's lineup is tremendous.
- Hall of Fame dinner will be moved from March 2017 to September and the cost of attending will be part of the clinic ticket price.

### **Key Dates**

November 15	First day of participation
March 8-11	Boys Hockey State Tournament
March 12	Mr. Hockey Banquet (St. Paul RiverCentre)