



# EPHA Hockey Development Committee

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May 20, 2025

**Present:** Jessica Kiecker, Ryan Richards, Mike Sarazine, Aric Day, Maria Waltman, Steve Persian, Lincoln Nguyen, John Konrad, Dani Benson, Justin DeGrissles, Joe Bianchi

**Absent:** Jason Blake, Joe Krmpotich

## Notes

- Membership List of new HDC
  - Board Participation
    - Co-Chair- Jessica Kiecker
    - Co-Chair- Ryan Richards
    - Coaches Director- Mike Sarazine
    - Player Dev Director- Aric Day
    - Girls Director-Maria Waltman
  
  - Coordinator Roles:
    - Girls HS Coach- Steve Persian
    - Boys HS Coach- Lincoln Nguyen
    - Girls Travel Dev Coordinator- John Konrad
    - Girls 8U Dev Coordinator- Dani Benson
    - Bantam Dev Coordinator- Jason Blake
    - Peewee Dev Coordinator- Justin DeGriselles
    - Squirt Dev Coordinator- Joe Bianchi
    - Mite Dev Coordinator- Joe Krmpotich
  
- New Member Introductions
- HDC Mission & Purpose
  - Review of the HDC charter and objectives
- Intro to the roles and responsibilities of the members
  - Introducing new “leads” roles who would help connect to coaches and skills
- Leveling Discussion: Outlining the team count and levels with projected #s. Analysis of game records and coach/parent feedback. Consideration: Competitiveness, player skills level, depth, coaching, mental and physical readiness, and player development goals.
  - Bantams: 62-66 Skaters, 4-5 Goalies : 4-5 teams
    - Goalie numbers will help dictate the team count
    - If 4 teams- AA, B1, 2-B2
    - If 5 teams- AA, B1, B1/B2, B2, C
  - Peewee: 56-58 Skaters, 5 Goalies : 4 teams likely, AA/A, B1, B2, C
    - Biggest question is the AA vs A leveling. Pro/Cons at each side
  - Squirts: 78-82 Skaters, 5-7 Goalies :



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- If 6 teams- A, B1, 2-B2, 2-C or A, B1, 3-B2, C
  - If 7 teams- A, 2-B1, 2-B2, 2-C or A, B1, 3-B2, 2-C
  - 15U: co-op with Bloomington to form 2-3 teams
    - 15UA & 15UB
  - 12U: 19-21 Skaters, 2-3 Goalies : Not enough numbers to fill 2 teams
    - 2 EP teams 13U team to play at 12UA, 12B2
    - Look at co-op to fill 3-4 teams - A, 2-B2 teams
    - Look at co-op for only the 12UA and fill the EP 12UB2 team
    - Form one 12UB team and allow waivers out for the girls looking for 12UA
  - 10U: 35-38 Skaters, 2-3 Goalies : 3 teams,
    - 3 teams- A, 2-B2 or B1 and 2-B2
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- Travel coaching applications are open for both parent and non-parent interest
  - Returning non-parent head coaches showing interest: BAA, BB1, PWB1, 10UA
    - Coach Selection Subcommittee will be formed for interviews
  - Future HDC cadence: 3rd Tuesday of the month

## Action items

- Connect with PW stakeholders to seek opinions on AA/A decision
- Seek out the returning 10UA stakeholders to gauge passion on A team requirement
- Survey 12U: Are 13U players willing to play down at 12UA?