

Girls Team Midwest Spring Development Program F.A.Q

The schedule conflicts with spring sports. Why?

Plans to change dates to start earlier next year. Dates are where they are this year due to strategy shift and ice availability this year.

How is the Team Midwest program different from the Midwest Selects program?

Midwest Selects program is informal, less commitment and lower cost. Midwest Selects teams typically only get together for tournaments during the summer.

Team Midwest has a formal structure, higher commitment and cost, and is designed for highly skilled players with a three-year goal of becoming a competitive National Bound Tier 2 team.

Why is it important to participate in as many development sessions as possible?

To ensure coaches have maximum visibility of players interested in being evaluated for a Team Midwest team. Coaches will use sessions to observe player chemistry with others, resilience, attitude, skills, etc. These things are difficult to gauge in one session (Final evaluation).

This season, sessions will also serve as “skills practice”, so the coaches can focus more on systems during the blitz team weekends.

Can players send in tapes in place of attending sessions/final evaluation? Will there be any exceptions for players?

Players do not have to participate in all spring sessions, however participation in at least one session is required prior to registering for the final evaluation (tryouts) for Team Midwest. There will be no exceptions.

Can players participate in the skills sessions only?

Yes.

Why are we using next season's USA Hockey Age Categories?

The 3 year plan for Girls Team Midwest includes declaring as a national bound Tier 2 team. That goal requires us to age up our players to the next category at the end of the current season (after USA Hockey Nationals, in early April).