# PORT COLBORNE GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DS

#### **Definition:**

DS stands for House League Development Stream (DS) Division

## Why DS?

This division provides House league (HL) players the opportunity to play against DS teams from other associations either in Exhibition games or DS tournaments.

The skill level of DS is between HL and Rep (Competitive).

DS provides a player and her family the opportunity to play at a higher level without the commitment of our Rep program teams.

It also provides players and families an idea of what the Rep Program is all about if they decide to pursue a higher level than DS in future years.

#### When is the DS "Season"?

Tryouts will start around **November 1st**Games & tournaments can begin after the DS team has been selected.
Games & tournaments end mid April
How much Ice Time will DS teams have?

**8 exhibition games** against other DS teams (4 home and 4 away) **3 DS tournaments** 

Practice ice will be at the discretion of the coach and based on availability of ice

## Who is eligible to play DS?

Any House league player registered with a House League team in the PCGHA Teams are made up of players registered on a HL team who have been selected from a series of tryouts for each age group.

Players playing on a DS team may fully participate on their house league team and in house league tournaments

# How can I be a part of one of the teams?

DS teams are permitted to play a maximum of:

Each House league player is welcomed to try out for the team in their age group. There is a cost to cover the ice for each tryout that your player attends. (see below) These fees will be collected at the door upon registration.

Each coach will evaluate the players and will pick a team from the players who attend.

#### Does it cost extra?

There is an additional cost to play on a DS Team.

Costs typically range between \$300 - \$400 depending on the coach's training mandates Budgets for all teams will be transparent and presented to all players families who make the team. All budgets are submitted to the PCGHA for review.

# When would we play?

Games could be on week days and/or on the weekends.

There may be times when a DS player is on the ice twice in one day due to timing of HL games / practices and DS games / practices.

Ice scheduling will be coordinated to minimize conflicts. You would be required to not miss any House League Games or Practices. Possible tournaments would need to presented at scheduling GHGHL to book around as much as possible