

KCYHA - KC Mavs Midget 16U Travel Team Informational Meeting

Please join us Monday June 18th at 6:30PM at KCIC to discuss the 2018-19 KCYHA Midget Travel Season.



Topics of Discussion

Mission Statement

To promote the personal character and athletic development of players by providing on-ice and off-ice training and opportunities that allow each player to maximize their potential as a person and as a hockey player. Our hockey program is committed to developing young adults, students, and talented hockey players through creating an environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, respect, integrity, teamwork, loyalty and the pursuit of excellence through hard work.

We are committed to delivering the highest quality hockey program and coaching staff available. Our mission is to develop hockey players who are willing to accept all of the challenges and develop the self-discipline necessary to compete and push themselves into becoming better hockey players and individuals.

Our Vision

To train our players to get the most out of their individual skill set. Today's hockey players are more skilled than ever. We are looking to build off of that skill and to incorporate a will to play the game at the highest level possible as well. It is easier to be a skilled hockey player than a complete hockey player. We are going to push our players into becoming skilled and complete hockey players. That starts with our training on and off the ice.

Coaching

As parents of hockey players you are making a family commitment to the sport of hockey. As coaches and former hockey players, you can expect the following from your coaching staff:

- We will be very well prepared for practice with clear practice plans
- We will be on time
- We will lead from the front and by example
- We will provide an atmosphere of team by stressing the importance of our vision
- We will provide clear communication with both parents and players
- We will demand the best from our players and push them to achieve the objectives above

Formation of team

The team will be picked by a combination of outside evaluators and team coach evaluations. We are looking for 15-16 skaters and 2 goalies. There will hopefully be plenty of good competition for spots which is what makes a hockey program thrive.

Tryout date and times

August 9th-12th. We will have specific times as we get closer to tryouts.

MO Hockey

We will talk about the future of our Midget program in the MO Hockey League as well. We will walk through the positives and negatives of the MO Hockey league.

Potential Tournaments

We are going to be looking to push our players against top end teams over the next few years. MO Hockey might not be the measuring stick we are looking for at this age group but there are plenty of high level tournaments for the team to participate in. Some of these tournaments are regional and closer to Kansas City and others may be further away. We will participate in tournaments based on competing against teams that will help push our players and not only expose them to other talented players to play against, but also get them some exposure to other high level teams and coaches as well. A realistic goal for this program in the years to come is to compete at the USA Hockey Nationals Tier II Tournament each year. Although we feel we are not far off, we still have a long way to go before we can consider ourselves ready for that step. However, it is a step in the direction we are looking to make for the betterment of our players.

Midgets or Jets

We are not looking to be a competitor to the Jets. Nor are the Jets looking to be in direct competition with us. The KC Mavs Midget U16 program as well as the Jets can both field competitive teams and each program is offering opportunities to play competitive hockey, albeit in different leagues and with varying objectives. We want everyone to feel that they have the opportunity to play hockey at the highest level possible.

We have also had discussions with numerous parents, players and Coach Kempkes with regards to moving up from U16 to the U18 division. To have a competitive team at either level you would need 15 skaters and the unfortunate reality is we do not have the numbers to do two teams. The feedback we have received was fairly unanimous in not moving up to U18 for the upcoming season. If given that option, most of those players would look to try out for the Jets instead of playing U18. So unfortunately we will not be fielding a U18 team.

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 18th to walk through our thoughts and plans in person and to answer any questions that parents and players may have about the 2018-19 KC Mavs Midget U16 team.

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