

“HIGHLANDER HOCKEY PROGRAM”

“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Philosophy:

- Building young athletes to become productive citizens using hockey as the vehicle for development.

“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Vision:

- Develop individuals into a championship team where success is the product of a process that focuses on teaching and development.

“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Mission:

- Teach positive life skills.
- Promote academic success.
- Foster leadership and competition.
- Develop a success model dependent on effort, attitude, and strong ethics.

“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Culture: “Effort & Attitude”

- Be in the Right place; at the Right time; doing the Right thing.
- Teaching and Development.
- Transparency, Honesty, and Accountability.
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Team Model:**
 - 1 Organization.
 - 1 Integrated Coaching Staff for 2 Teams.
 - 35 – 40 Players.
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Game Rosters:**
 - 17-18 Players will dress for each Varsity Team Game.
 - 17-22 Players will dress for each Development Team Game.
 - *(Players are often asked to dress for either team throughout the season depending on Program needs and regardless of original assignment)*
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Games:**
 - 25 regular season Howell Varsity Team
 - 25 regular season Howell Development Team
 - *(Players are only allowed to play in 25 regular season games regardless of which Team)*
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Practices:**
 - 1 Week of Try-outs
 - 55-60 Regular Season Practices
 - 1 practice per week (Typically on Monday) is a **“PROGRAM”** skills practice where we have only Forwards or Defensemen or Goalies out and work on specific skills.
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” After Try-outs:** (this may vary season to season based on players available)
 - 12 Forwards – 8 Defensemen – 2 Goalies will be assigned to the Varsity.
 - 9 Forwards – 6 Defensemen – 2/3 Goalies will be assigned to the DEV Team.
 - These assignments are **NOT** permanent and do **NOT** guarantee playing time.
- **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM” Assignments:**
 - Being assigned originally to the DEV Team or Varsity is **NOT** a permanent assignment.
 - Dressing for either team is a privilege not a guarantee and every dress list is earned.
 - Dress lists will be announced at least 24 hours prior to each game.
- Unlike AAA or Travel Hockey, Players are **NOT** guaranteed to dress for any game. Each dress list is a competition and must be earned every day in the community, classroom, practice, workouts, video study, and in games. “Effort & Attitude” matters within the **“HIGHLANDER PROGRAM”**.