

USAH District Director Report 1/20/12

- With the roll out of the coach's age specific modules, to date, there have been over 8,400 coaches who have registered, total modules registered of 8,268 and completed modules of 7,200.
- In order for 10U players and teams to attain more ice time during games, ADM is recommending roster sizes be decreased, create smaller roster sized teams, which equates to more teams, thus more ice time. They are strongly encouraging a practice to game ratio of 3 to 1.
- As reported earlier, the 14U national development camp has been eliminated and all affiliates are being encouraged to develop 14U affiliate camps during the off season. The strategy is to have each affiliate conduct a camp with approximately (100) kids each, using the same concepts used at the previous national development camps, which will ultimately expose more kids into the high performance programs. The development camps personnel at USAH are offering to help affiliates set up their respective camps and there is \$50.00 per camp participant available through the camp grant program through USAH.
- The 17U National development camp will expand to a (12) team format using (10) 17U teams, plus (2) teams of 18U players. This will increase the number of affiliate participants from the previous structure.
- USAH is exploring the idea of creating (2) new positions within the affiliates. One would be to create a safety position, which would be a person within the organization whose focus would be the safety of players and programs, who knows of all available safety programs, literature, policy, procedures, forms, etc. Since MH already has a safety committee, this would fit well in that structure and could be the resource center for associations. The other position is to create a volunteer position that would also be resources for available information to help volunteer organizations get started, best practice situations etc.
- I have been asked to participate in a USAH task force which will be looking at the overall safety of the game, the various programs, policies, procedures, forms etc., such as Heads up, coaches training programs, screening, and concussion awareness etc. The intent of the task force is to review all the programs of USAH, re-package if need, bundle into one central location, re-market to all participants, associations, parents etc. to make everyone aware of what they are, what USAH has in place, where to obtain them and how to notify when unsafe conditions exist. This will eventually tie into the safety position stated above. We will be on a very aggressive time line, with the intent of being able to present a completed package by the annual congress.
- The Junior council has proposed to eliminate fighting at the Junior level. This will be voted on by the board of directors at the annual congress. This is a significant change in philosophy by the Junior council as they have been reluctant to eliminate fighting in previous years.

Respectfully submitted:

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