



Maine Amateur Hockey Association Newsletter

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Association

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NEW ENGLAND DEVELOPEMENT CAMPS

New England Development Camps

For the upcoming season, the ages for the players will be boys and girls born in the year of 2003 (17), 2004 (16), 2005 (15) and 2006 (14), but the New England Development Camp process has few changes. The Boys 14 through 17 remain the same whereas the state hold a tryout for each age group. This year we will be having those tryouts at the Norway Savings Bank Arena on Sunday, November 24th.

The Girls ages of 14 through 17 have a different format and will be conducted in Northford, Connecticut on March 27-through 29th. The sign ups will be open shortly through the New England District website.

Future's Camp

Girls & Boys ages of 2007 (13) and 2008 (12) tryouts will be on January 5th at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. We will be selecting up to 17 players at each age group for participation at the New

England Future's Camp in Vermont in mid-March. Along with players we will be looking for some parental coaches to help out with the New England staff as well. Be sure to check out the video online regarding the camp's goals.

MEAHA's sign ups will be active on September 15th and will be closed the night before the age groups' tryouts at 8 PM.

Please check our website for more information.



Upcoming Events

MEAHA Monthly Meeting Sept 3rd

MEAHA Monthly Meeting Oct 8th

State Tournament Travel Tier II – Nov 2nd Thru

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State Tournament Travel Tier III-I 6U Nov 2nd Thru

MEAHA Monthly Meeting Nov 12

New England District Camp tryout Nov 24

What's New for the 2019-2020 Season

Website Changes

There have been some changes in the website League structures to follow our league rule changes which will allow us to move teams within each age group from one bracket to another.

Team Classifications Changes

USA Hockey no longer recognizes Tier I & II at the age groups under 12U, so New England will be listing them as AAA (Tier I) & AA (Tier II). We in Maine are listing them as Gold and Silver and when needed, Bronze. The Tier II Classifications is only recognized at National Bound age groups.

Did You Know?

Coaches, Locker Room Monitors, Officials, Board of Directors, Team Parents & Volunteers **MUST** do a back-ground screening and Safesport before the season starts! Check with your program directors to make sure of your needs.

New Directors

We have a new Women's Director, Jake Mathieu. Jake is originally from Massachusetts and now lives in Bangor. He has 22 years of coaching in youth hockey as well as 16 years on a local board of youth hockey. His daughter plays 16U Youth as well as High School Hockey.

We also have a new House Director (Tier IV), Dan Leighton. Dan has been involved in youth hockey for 7 years as a coach. While in High School, he would often help coach the local youth programs, and continued while in College as well as helped with the local High School team. He currently has 2 kids playing at Brewer Youth Hockey.

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Coaches Corner

The 2019-20 season has a few changes in store for Coaches this year. Before you step foot on the ice, all coaches must complete your Background Screening along with your SafeSport & Age Module. You cannot complete the team roster until those are completed.

Here are this year's Coaching Clinics in Maine

Level 1- October 19, 2019- Ice Vault in Hallowell

November 16, 2019- FIC in Falmouth

December 8, 2019- Ice Vault in Hallowell

Level 2- September 28, 2019- Ice Vault in Hallowell

December 22, 2019- FIC in Falmouth

Level 3- October 12, 2019- FIC in Falmouth

November 9, 2019- Ice Vault in Hallowell

Please book as soon as possible. There will be more dates for the Aroostook County to follow.

For more Coaching info, please check our website at www.meaha.com

As last year closes, we bid farewell to our Level 2-3 State Coaching Director, Guy Perron and welcome a duo of Directors. Denis Collins will be acting as the lead but will have assistance from Jacob Strong. Still involved will be Doug Carlisle in the Northern Maine.

Coaching Helper- this has been approved in the New England District for use in the Learn-to Skate Programs only. It is not available in use of 8U or older programs. The helper **MUST** register with USA Hockey as a Coach. Registration as a coach ensures that the individual is properly insured to be on the ice with our participants. They **MUST** complete a background check through the MEAHA website. They **MUST** complete their SafeSport module. They **MUST ALWAYS** have a properly certified coach on the ice with them!

Try Coaching for "Free" for a Year- A coach that is just starting in the USA Hockey Coaching program can try coaching for "free" for one year. This is only for the 6U, 8U and Learn to Skate level. The coach must complete all of the following- SafeSport; Age-Specific Module (8U) ; and Have a Background Check

If the coach decides to continue coaching the next year, they must follow the Coaching Education Program. That is, take a Level I Clinic and whatever Age-Specific Module not completed.

For further information regarding your needs for the 2019 -20 season, check with your program's coaching Director, or go to www.meaha.com.

State Tournaments

The 2019-20 season is already started and plans for the year end tournament are under way. The dates have been determined and at the upcoming September State Monthly meeting the locations will be determined.

Tier IV Youth Conference Tournaments –
All ages- Feb 21st to 23rd

Tier IV Youth State Tournaments –
All Ages – March 6th thru the 8th

Travel Youth 10U- Silver & Gold-
February 14th thru the 16th

Travel Youth 12U- Silver & Gold- Feb 21st thru 23rd

Travel Youth 14U Silver- Feb 28th thru March 1st

Travel Youth 14U Gold- Feb 23rd & March 1st

Travel Youth 16U Tier II, 16U Tier III & 18U Tier II –
Nov 2nd thru 11th

Girls Tier II All Ages- Feb 28th thru March 1st

For those teams moving on to New England events,

those host states have been assigned. Details on what town & rink in those states will be posted as soon as they have been announced.

All Events are March 13-15, 2020

Youth 10U Tier 3- Maine

Youth 12U Tier 3- Vermont

Youth 14U Tier 3- Massachusetts

Youth 10U AA- Rhode Island

Youth 12U AA- Rhode Island

Girls Tier II 12U – Massachusetts

Girls Tier II 14U- Vermont

Girls Tier II 16U/19U- Maine

National Championships April 1st thru 6th

Tier II 14U- Kalamazoo, MI

Tier II 16U – Troy, MI

Tier II 18U – Irvine, CA

All Girls Tier II – West Chester, PA

For more information, check our website at www.meaha.com.