

CPYHA Squirt and Pee Wee Major/Minor Teams for 2013-2014

Purpose:

- 1.) To provide a highly-competitive environment for our highest talented players.
- 2.) To keep the Clifton Park teams and Clifton Park players in Clifton Park for the duration of their youth hockey experience, giving them a competitive place to play until they branch off into High School, Midget teams, or the older Dynamo teams.

Specifics:

- 1.) Tryouts for all Squirt and Pee Wee Major and Minor teams will be held in the Spring. Squirts can be held immediately after the New York State Tournaments, all others will take place after the conclusion of the National Tournaments. Please see attached tryout document for more information.
- 2.) All Major/Minor teams are expected to carry a base roster of 15 skaters and 2 goalies.
- 3.) Players are expected to try-out for their appropriate birth year. Minor players will be allowed to attend tryouts for Major teams with the advance permission of the Director of Player Development, but Majors will not be allowed to try-out for Minor teams.
- 4.) Fielding of Major/Minor teams will be based upon participation, talent levels, and the discretion of the evaluation committee.
- 5.) All Major/Minor teams will be called "Clifton Park Dynamo" and will participate in Hockey NorthEast.
- 6.) All Major/Minor teams will begin formal practicing after August 15th.
- 7.) All Major/Minor teams will wear the same jerseys as the Bantam/Midget Dynamo program teams. All teams will use the same game socks, windsuits, practice jerseys, practice socks, and hockey bags. Black helmets and pants are mandatory.
- 8.) All Major and Minor teams, once formed, will follow a more rigorous schedule with harder opponents, will attend higher level (AA and AAA) tournaments, and will require more travel than the A teams of the past. This will not increase the game count that the teams play.
- 9.) All Major and Minor teams will follow the CPYHA registration process and all CPYHA policies, and be governed by the CPYHA Board and the appropriate Division Director. The main focus of these teams will be the CPYHA core values of development as stated in our mission statement. Oversight of the consistency and uniformity of these teams will be the responsibility of a designated Board member.
- 10.) All Major and Minor teams will have a preference of more full-ice practices, with the addition of an extra practice slots as well as an appropriate off-ice component program. These full-ice practices may be held at an alternate location. Other Dynamo coaches will occasionally run the extra practice slots to help reinforce the higher-end skill sets.
- 11.) The off-ice component of the Major/Minor teams will be age appropriate as per the USA Hockey ADM guidelines. These off-ice sessions will normally be held the same day as on-ice practices, either before or after dependent upon ice times.
- 12.) All Major and Minor teams will have five mandatory assessments of \$300 from September to January. The September assessment will be due on Sept. 15th, and all other assessments will be due on the 1st of the month. A February assessment may be collected dependent upon the solvency of the team. Some fundraising will be recommended to offset costs but will not be mandated.

13.) The cumulative assessment fee for each of these Major/Minor teams will be targeted to be between the amounts of \$1500-\$2000, not including registration costs. Some of that fee may go to help offset the coaches' expenses and may provide a base salary. Any assessment funds that are unused by the end of the season will be refunded.

14.) CPYHA as an Association will not be funding the Major/Minor teams, as they are all expected to be self-sufficient. Auditing and monitoring by the Association Treasurer will occur to insure the solvency of the teams.

15.) In addition to the Major/Minor teams, combined teams will be offered at the A/B/C levels of the past. Formation of these teams offered will be subject to numbers and talent levels. Labels for combined teams will not be formally assigned until after teams are formed, and may be in any combination of A/B/C based on what best represents the intended level of play.

16.) The compensation for the Major and Minor non-parent coaches for the 2013/2014 season will be \$5,000. This amount is inclusive of expenses and is to be paid out of team accounts in equal monthly installments from October to February. This amount (\$5,000) is the sole and exclusive compensation by the team to its coach.

17.) All Major/Minor parent coaches will have the option to accept reimbursement for the cost of their child(ren) not to exceed the \$5000 compensation fee.

Anything not specifically addressed here will follow normal CPYHA policies and procedures. Future season Major/Minor team offerings will be based upon registrations, player interest, and talent levels.