

July 28, 2008

**CCJHA/CHA COMBINED TRAVEL TEAM  
(KEWEENAW STORM) TRYOUTS  
FOR 2008-2009 SEASON  
Michigan Tech SDC MacInnes Arena**

**Squirt Teams**

*Head Coaches:* Squirt Minor AA– *to be determined*

Squirt Major AA- Damon Beiring 337-2903 [debeiring@hotmail.com](mailto:debeiring@hotmail.com)

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 pm

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 pm

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:40 pm

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 pm

**PeeWee Teams**

*Head Coaches:* PeeWee Minor AA - Randy McKay 523-4833 [mack0610@aol.com](mailto:mack0610@aol.com)

PeeWee Major AA - Mike Lowery 370-2675 (c) [mjlowery@mtu.edu](mailto:mjlowery@mtu.edu)

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:50 – 8:00 pm

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 – 8:30 pm

**Bantam Teams**

*Head Coaches:* Bantam Minor AA – Brien Ricci 482-1617 [bricci@cccmh.org](mailto:bricci@cccmh.org)

Bantam Major AA - Mike Hauswirth 482-5455 [haus5455@chartermi.net](mailto:haus5455@chartermi.net)

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:40 – 9:50 pm

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:40 – 9:50 pm

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 – 9:20 pm

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:40 – 9:50 pm

**Tryout Fee:** \$40 per player for Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam teams  
(cash or check payable to *Combined Travel Committee*)

**All players must register and complete *Consent to Treat and Waiver of Liability* forms before going on the ice.**

For more information contact the Chair of the Combined Travel Committee:  
Mike Drewyor, 482-1983, [miked2@chartermi.net](mailto:miked2@chartermi.net) or a coach

May 7, 2008

## **INFORMATION ON THE NEW FORMAT FOR TRAVEL HOCKEY TEAMS FOR THE 2008-2009 SEASON**

The CCJHA, CHA, and the Combined Travel Committee have decided to field a Major AA team and a Minor AA team in the Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam divisions for the 2008-2009 season. These teams will replace the traditional AA and A teams in the divisions.

Our goal is to offer the maximum opportunities for the development of all players. Associations in the U.P. and northern Lower Peninsula are adopting this approach so that they can offer travel hockey for as many players as possible. We believe that the Major/Minor arrangement offers the best balance of a challenging environment and confidence development while maximizing participation. The rationale and guidelines are summarized below:

- Our goal is to have the 15-17 strongest players on the Major AA team regardless of whether they are first or second players in the division.
- The Major AA team will participate in District and State tournaments.
- The Major AA team would play in the AA Division of the NIHL.
- Currently MAHA does not allow second year players on an A team roster. The Minor AA team can have first and second year players.
- In the past, we have had very talented first year players capable of playing at the AA level and they have been added to the roster, but in some cases it has left our A teams with fewer players and displaced second year players had no place to play in the travel program.
- Although some second year players were not strong enough for the AA team, they were very skilled and could develop better in competition with players more closely matched to their skill levels.
- The Minor AA team could participate in District and State tournaments at the AA level. It would be a team decision and it requires a schedule that includes several games against Major AA teams.
- The Minor AA team would play in the A Division of the NIHL. This Division includes other Minor AA teams and some A teams. The Minor AA team would also play appropriate level teams from Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- If it turns out that the Minor AA team has all first year players, it can participate in District and State tournaments at the A level.