

August 3, 2009

**CCJHA/CHA COMBINED TRAVEL TEAM
(KEWEENAW STORM) TRYOUTS
FOR 2009-2010 SEASON
Michigan Tech SDC MacInnes Arena**

Squirt Teams

Head Coaches: Squirt Minor – Joel Tuoriniemi 337-009 jtuorin@mtu.edu
Squirt Major AA- Damon Beiring 337-2903 dbeiring@live.com
Tuesday, September 8th, 5:00 – 5:50 pm
Wednesday, September 9th, 5:00 – 5:50 pm
Friday, September 11th, 5:00 – 5:50 pm

PeeWee Teams

Head Coaches: PeeWee Minor – Kurt Maki 482-5657 kurt.maki@att.net
PeeWee Major AA - Randy McKay 523-4833 mack0610@aol.com
Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 – 7:50 pm
Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00 – 7:50 pm
Friday, September 11th, 7:00 – 7:50 pm

Bantam Teams

Head Coaches: Bantam Minor – Derrick Verran 523-4814 derrick_up@yahoo.com
Bantam Major AA – Tiger Pierce 482-2492 dpierce@clk.k12.mi.us
Tuesday, September 8th, 8:00 – 8:50 pm
Wednesday, September 9th, 8:00 – 8:50 pm
Friday, September 11th, 8:00 – 8:50 pm

Girls Team

Head Coach: Glenn Patrick 337-4207 gpatrick@portagehealth.org
Tuesday, September 8th, 6:00 – 6:50 pm
Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00 – 6:50 pm
Friday, September 11th, 6:00 – 6:50 pm

Tryout Fee: \$40 per player
(cash or check payable to *Combined Travel Committee*)

All players must register with USA Hockey 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 or a coach

April 21, 2009

INFORMATION ON THE FORMAT FOR TRAVEL HOCKEY TEAMS FOR THE 2009-2010 SEASON

The CCJHA, CHA, and the Combined Travel Committee have confirmed the approach of fielding a Major AA team and a Minor AA team in the Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam divisions for the 2009-2010 season.

The goal of the two associations and the Combined Travel Committee 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.