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Tyke Program Changes
2014-2015

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Overview



- Starting in the 2014-2015 season, the Tyke program will undergo structural changes in an effort to better develop our players, provide a program that better suits the needs of our players and most of all make the experience more positive and enjoyable for all our Tyke players. The intent is to provide a better experience to our players while they learn the basic skills and grow a fundamental foundation for years to come. Based on the changes for the 2014-2015, the CDMHA Board of Directors determined the need for a document to detail the Tyke Program was necessary.

Overview



- The three key changes to our Tyke program (starting in 2014-2015) as compare to the outgoing program are:
 1. CDMHA will follow the OMHA guidelines and allow 7 year olds to be included in Tyke level
 2. CDMHA will now have 3 levels – Initiation I, Initiation II (IP) and Tyke
 3. There will be more flexibility to move kids between the IP and Tyke levels, based on the player's skill level to better aid their development throughout the season

- It is important to note that not all 7 year olds will play Tyke. 7 year olds will be evaluated to determine if they play in the Tyke level or the Novice Local League level.

- This is an Initiation Program (IP) based on the recommendations and IP programing guidelines by Hockey Canada.

Initiation Level I (IP1)



- The focus is to teach fundamental, individual skills with a focus on skating, passing and stick handling
- Initiation I level consists of practice time only
- There are no formal games until the last weekend of the season where the players will get to play 2 half-ice games
- The Initiation I level will be a House League Program Only – There will be no tournaments, travel or exhibition games
- Geared towards 4 & 5 year olds
- 4 year old players will automatically be placed in this group
- 5 year old players in their first year of hockey automatically be placed in this group

Initiation Level II (IP2)



- The focus is to build on the fundamental skills from Initiation I, expand on these skills and introduce an informal and fun game setting, along with the introduction of the team concept
- The Initiation II level consists of practice time and informal games, which will be half ice games
- Games will start the first weekend in December
- A divider or barrier system will be utilized to split the playing surface into two smaller areas for games to be played between 4 teams
- The Initiation II level will be a House League Program Only – There will be no tournaments, travel or exhibition games
- 5 year old players in their second year will automatically be placed in this group
- 6 year old players in their second year will automatically be placed in this group, pending evaluations
- 6 year old players in their first year of hockey will automatically be placed in this group

Initiation Level II (IP2)



- 7 year olds in their first year of Hockey may be placed in the Initiation II level:
 - The preference is to start 7 year olds at the Tyke level
 - We try to avoid 7 year olds in Initiation II as they are moving onto Novice in the next year
 - Any 7 year old that starts in the Initiation II level, must be moved up to the Tyke program by December 1. This allows the player to focus on core skills for the first half of the year and then move to formal games in the second half
 - Spots are to be left open on the Tyke teams for all 7 year old players that start in Initiation II

Tyke



- The focus is to continue build on the fundamental skills from the Initiation I and Initiation II programs, introducing basic positioning and continuing with the team concept with the addition of formal games
- The Tyke level consists of practice time and formal games
- Games may start as early as the first weekend in November
- The Tyke level will be a Local League Program, playing local centres. This requires the coaching staff to have proper certifications
- Tyke will play surrounding centres. This is to be organized by the Tyke Coordinator/Convenor and Ice Scheduler
- The teams may enter tournaments, will travel in the local area and may play exhibition games
- Tournaments:
 - A team can only enter a maximum of two (2) Tournaments.
 - Tournaments cannot be entered into prior to December 1

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- 6 years old players in their third year will automatically be placed in this group
- 7 year olds in their first year of Hockey will automatically be placed in this group:
 - The preference is to start 7 year olds new to hockey at the Tyke level.
 - We try to avoid these 7 year olds in Initiation II as they are moving onto Novice in the next year.
 - We try to avoid these 7 year olds in Novice, so that they can have a year to develop and learn the game at the Tyke level.
- The Tyke level is intended for 7 year olds who are not ready for Novice and will benefit from a year at this level. CDMHA does not want to push a 7 year old into Novice if they are not ready for and will not benefit from playing in Novice.

Player Evaluation and Movement



- Age is a factor, but ultimately a player's skill set will determine what level they will be assigned to. Players are assigned to the appropriate program level through the evaluation process
- There will be multiple coaches and other volunteers that will be involved to evaluate the players. For the group that is being evaluated to determine whether they play Tyke or Novice, all the Tyke and Novice coaches will be involved in the evaluation process at a minimum.
- Should we get it wrong, we have written in the allowance of player movement within the Tyke program prior to December 1st. Any coach, parent or volunteer involved with the program can submit a request by November 15th that the a player be moved either up or down to ensure that the player is at the right level for their skill set.
- Our goal is to have every player playing at the level that best suits their skill set.

Initiation Level II (IP2) Games



- Games will start the first weekend in December.

- Informal Games:
 - Referees will not be used
 - No Timekeepers; Coaches and/or Convenor will set up clock
 - Game sheets are not required
 - Scoreboard will not be used
 - Coaches on the ice for games to guide kids and act as referee as required
 - Penalties may be called by coaches
 - There are no offside or icing rules in play
 - Games are subject to curfews
 - Games use a barrier system to split the rink into two separate playing surfaces

- 1 PERIOD – 46 MINUTES IN DURATION EACH

- 2 MINUTE SHIFTS WITH RUN TIME
 - Coach to blow whistle for a change every 2 minutes

Initiation Level II (IP2) Games



- Dressed goalies on a rotational basis between two or more players
 - All Players will be given equal opportunity to play the goalie position

- Infraction/Penalties:
 - Player in question will go back to their team's bench and sit for the remainder of the two minute shift
 - The penalized player does not return to the ice during the shift in which they receive the penalty for any reason
 - Coaches are to use their judgment when calling penalties. The goal is to discourage negative behavior on the ice

Tyke Games



- Games may start as early as the first weekend in November.

- Formal Games:
 - Referees are required
 - Timekeepers are required
 - Formal games sheets are required
 - NO Coaches on the ice during games
 - These games follow all requirements and rules set out by the OMHA
 - All coaching staff MUST have the proper certification to be on the bench during a game and sign the game sheets
 - Games are subject to curfews

- Game Structure
 - 3 PERIODS – 10 MINUTES IN DURATION EACH
 - 2 MINUTE SHIFTS WITH STOP TIME – Buzzer to go after 2 minutes for players to change

Tyke Games



- Alternate and Preferred Game Structure (of CDMHA):
 - 3 PERIODS – 9/9/12 MINUTES IN DURATION
 - 1:30 MINUTE SHIFTS WITH STOP TIME – Buzzer to go after 1 minute 30 seconds for players to change
 - Requires agreement with outside centres

- Dressed goalies
 - The preference of CDMHA is to have 1 or 2 goalies per team
 - It may be on a rotational basis between three or more players if there are no players interested in being goalie.

Just a Start



- The changes that have come about have been done so in an effort to enhance our program and players' experience. It is based on the feedback that we have received over the years about our Tyke program. Considering the feedback we have received over the past few years, examining all the strengths of the current Tyke program and reviewing the programs developed by Hockey Canada, USA Hockey and the IIHF, we came to the Tyke program document recently developed.
- These changes are just a start. In order for this program to grow and evolve, it requires feedback and input from coaches, parents, players, board members and all those involved with this program. Please provide this feedback to those who are running this program in the coming season. It is critical for the continued improvement and growth of this program.
- Please give the changes a fair shot. The true test of whether these changes will be successful or not will come from our players over the years to come.



Question & Answer Period

- Please state your name and your question



Adjournment

Thank you for attending!!