



2022 Northeast Eagles

U9 Select Team

Parent Information Session

Date: February 23rd, 2023

Topics

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- **What to expect once the team is selected**

Tournament Details

- **Tournament Name: Avalon Celtics U9 Invitational.**
- **Tournament Dates: April 20th to April 23rd .**
- **Two Divisions of 5 teams. Guaranteed 4 round robin games .**
- **U9 Select is for graduating players only (born in 2014).**
- **Minor Hockey registered players only.**
- **No official tryouts.**
- **Any U9 Player who registers and plays as a U11 is ineligible to play in a U9 select event.**
- **Team selections must be made based on play during regular scheduled programming.**

Tournament Format

- Teams can only have 5 practices – increased from 3 practices last year.
- Exhibition games are not permitted.
- All games are full ice.
- Change on the fly shift changes.
- Offsides, icing and penalties will be called.
- Fair play rule in effect.
- All players and goaltenders must get equal time.
- Goaltenders play half games every game.
- Teams who don't follow fair play will not be invited back next year.

Team Selection Process – Phase One

- **5 evaluators:**
 - **The 4 Head Coach's from U9 Major**
 - **The Technical Director**
- **Evaluators were asked to nominate:**
 - **15 skaters**
 - **2 goalies**
- **Evaluators were asked to work independently on their nominations.**
- **Evaluators were not given any direction on the impact of their nominations.**
- **This process identified the pool of players from which the team would be selected.**

Team Selection Process – Phase Two

- Independent evaluators will be used to help finalize the team.
- Evaluations will happen during regularly scheduled games.
- The evaluators:
 - Have no affiliation to any of the players being evaluated.
 - Have experience in evaluating players for previous U9 Select teams.

Team Announcement

- **Tournament Rosters needs be submitted by March 13th.**
- **The team will be announced prior to this deadline.**
- **The team will be posted to the website.**

Coaching Staff

- A call for coach's will go out once the team is selected.
- **Coaching Staff:**
 - **Head Coach.**
 - **2 Assistant Coaches.**
- **Coaching Staff pre-requisites:**
 - **Coaching/RNC Screening application on file for NEMHA.**
 - **Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course completed.**
 - **Minimum C1 Coach level.**
 - **Safe Return to play course completed.**
 - **C2 Coach level is an asset***.**
- **Coaching staff will be selected following all star coaching selection process.**
- **The Hockey Operations Committee give final approval for all NEMHA all star coaches.**

Questions

