



To AAHA Hockey Families & Clubs,

March 22, 2018

With the initial tryout season just getting underway, I have received a few questions and complaints regarding potential AAHA / USAH Tryout and Contracting Rule Violations. These alleged violations range from issuing and collecting of contracts prior to the allowable dates, improper tryout dates, and Club's improper use and or claims of offering levels of play for which they were not approved to offer; i.e. Tier I, Tier II, AAA or AA.

A Disciplinary Panel is being convened to review the allegations and compelled to take appropriate but significant disciplinary actions, if deemed appropriate and based upon a preponderance of proof, against those Clubs and persons responsible if these rule violations have occurred.

We are strongly encouraging all families to be aware of the proper tryout dates, and approved offerings made by AAHA Clubs. Only those Clubs specifically approved by the AAHA may offer Tier I AAA 15P or 15 Only. It is a level exclusively offered at Tier I, as directed by USA Hockey.

Approved Tier I AAA Clubs and their appropriate offerings at this time can be found at:
<https://www.atlantic-district.org/2018-19-season-approved-tier-youth-clubs-teams>

Approved Tier II AA Clubs are all current Tier II AA Clubs and newly approved Tier II Clubs can be found in the same page.

Only those Clubs designated by the AAHA may offer such levels for Tier I AAA and Tier II AA and are the only Clubs authorized to offer tryouts for such levels as indicated in the AAHA Approved Tryout dates.

Official Tryout Dates can be found here:

<https://www.atlantic-district.org/755-2>

12U, 10U – Tier I – Youth and Girls - March 21, 2018

12U, 10U – Tier II – Youth and Girls - March 26, 2018

12U, 10U – Independent teams – Youth and Girls - April 2, 2018

Please see the AAHA Website for all other approved Tryout Dates based upon age and level.

Most of our clubs in the AAHA understand the importance of following the rules, and do so with great care. Mistakes can be forgiven; however, blatant disregard deserves substantial consequences.

If you are aware of a potential violation, please contact me in writing at ghefferan@aahahockey.org
Good luck during tryouts.

Regards,

Glenn Hefferan
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