



Central States Development Hockey League Prospects Division Q & A

What is the CSDHL Prospects Division?

Central States Development Hockey League is adding a Prospects Division for the 2021-22 season. This division will allow more youth hockey clubs to join CSDHL and will give more young hockey players the opportunity to play and develop at the elite Tier II level that Central States provides.

Is the division by birth year or combined aged groups?

At the U12 Pee Wee and U14 Bantam levels, the teams will combine both major and minor birth years. At the U16 Midget level, teams will include both 15 and 16-year-old minor players.

How does my club apply?

Applications for entry into all levels will be accepted beginning April 1 and are due May 1. Details about the application process are available at the CSDHL website, www.csdhl.org.

Are all CSDHL member clubs eligible for the Prospects Division?

All CSDHL member clubs are eligible to apply for Prospects Division teams.

Are clubs currently not affiliated with CSDHL eligible to apply for the Prospects Division?

Clubs not currently affiliated with CSDHL are encouraged to apply for the Prospects Division. Combining major/minor years should allow more clubs to take advantage of this opportunity for young players to play and develop at an advanced level. As per the instructions on the CSDHL website (www.csdhl.org), clubs new to CSDHL should send an email to centralstateshockey@gmail.com by April 15 to request an application. Please specify the division/level the club intends to apply for as well as contact information for the person who should receive the application.

Can a club apply for a Prospects Division team without applying for CSDHL Major/Minor divisions?

Clubs that are not able to field teams at the CSDHL Major/Minor divisions are encouraged to apply for Prospects Division.

If a club applies at the Major or Minor level can the selection committee place them in the Prospects Division instead?

If the CSDHL selection committee determines that a club is unable to meet the criteria for a Major or Minor level CSDHL team, the committee may offer the club the option of joining the Prospects Division.

Will the Prospects Division play in the NAPHL like other CSDHL teams?

Teams will play a full schedule against other teams in the CSDHL Prospects Division. They will not compete in the NAPHL at this time.

Will the Prospects Division hold playoffs?

The regular season will conclude with Prospects Division playoffs.

Will the Prospects Division play under the same rules as other CSDHL divisions?

The same period lengths, penalties, and overtime rules will apply to the Prospects Division.

How will CSDHL select the clubs receiving Prospect Division teams?

The CSDHL selection committee will review applications to determine which clubs are able to meet the criteria necessary to field teams that will be competitive in the Prospects Division.

Is there an appeals process for teams that are not selected for entry into the Prospects Division?

There will be a formal appeals process. Details will be available at www.csdhl.org.