



2019 USA HOCKEY
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

PLAYER'S
GUIDEBOOK

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Each summer USA Hockey conducts Select Player Development Camps for young athletes from around the country. The athletes are chosen from tryouts conducted within USA Hockey Districts, with some slots reserved for at-large selections. The goal is to attract the best players, in their specific age group, to our national camps.

The purpose of our Camps is to identify, train, educate and evaluate our best athletes. Individuals are selected by twelve USA Hockey Districts as well as the national office, to attend the week-long event. During this week, our players are evaluated by our national development program, college and junior coaches and professional scouts. The competition gives each player the opportunity to measure themselves against others his age, gain knowledge about his development and to be exposed to outstanding coaching. At times, teams will be chosen from certain Camps for international competition. This year a team will be chosen from the Select 16 Camp and Select 17 Camp, for international competition in August.

These camps are not a tryout for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. By the same token, our national staff does take part by testing our athletes physically and mentally, conducting lectures and evaluating their ability.

The format of each camp creates a very competitive atmosphere. This is to provide a setting with which athletes will compete at their highest level. It is not a tournament, but rather a grueling week of training and competition meant to improve and showcase our players.

It is essential that all participants, particularly staff, understand that while they may have been recommended by their District, they are part of the USA Hockey National Player Development Program while at Camp. Rules that have been put in place must be followed and everyone must work together for a successful program. The Camp Director is in charge and everyone must have the same goals in mind.

While competition is meant to be intense (in order to see that the players display their best efforts), winning is not the priority. The top priority is that players show their competitive nature and take advantage of a great development opportunity. We want the players to interact with players from the other areas and to bond as elite American players in our national program.

USA Hockey realizes the tremendous role our Districts play in the success of the program. Our Districts have done a great job identifying and training their players, but it is the wish of the Player Development Committee that no one goes overboard in preparation for the Camps. It is our hope that cost to the participants be reasonable and certainly as inexpensive as possible.

In some instances, we may combine a Camp with an Officials' Camp. It is important for everyone to understand that it is essential for us to develop elite officials, as well as players.

The following materials are intended to provide information about this year's USA Hockey National Player Development Camps.

Players will pay their \$175 registration fee directly to USA Hockey as part of their online registration process.

At this time, we would request that the appropriate person review the enclosed Duties and Responsibilities for the "Camp Team Leader" positions and select highly-qualified, motivated people to fill these extremely important positions.



It is greatly appreciated that each District follow the guidelines and procedures established for the Player Development Camps. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Let's all work together to assure that everyone completely understands their role and the purpose of the program. The following pages are the various elements to ensure all Camps are conducted to the standards that our American players deserve.

Sincerely,

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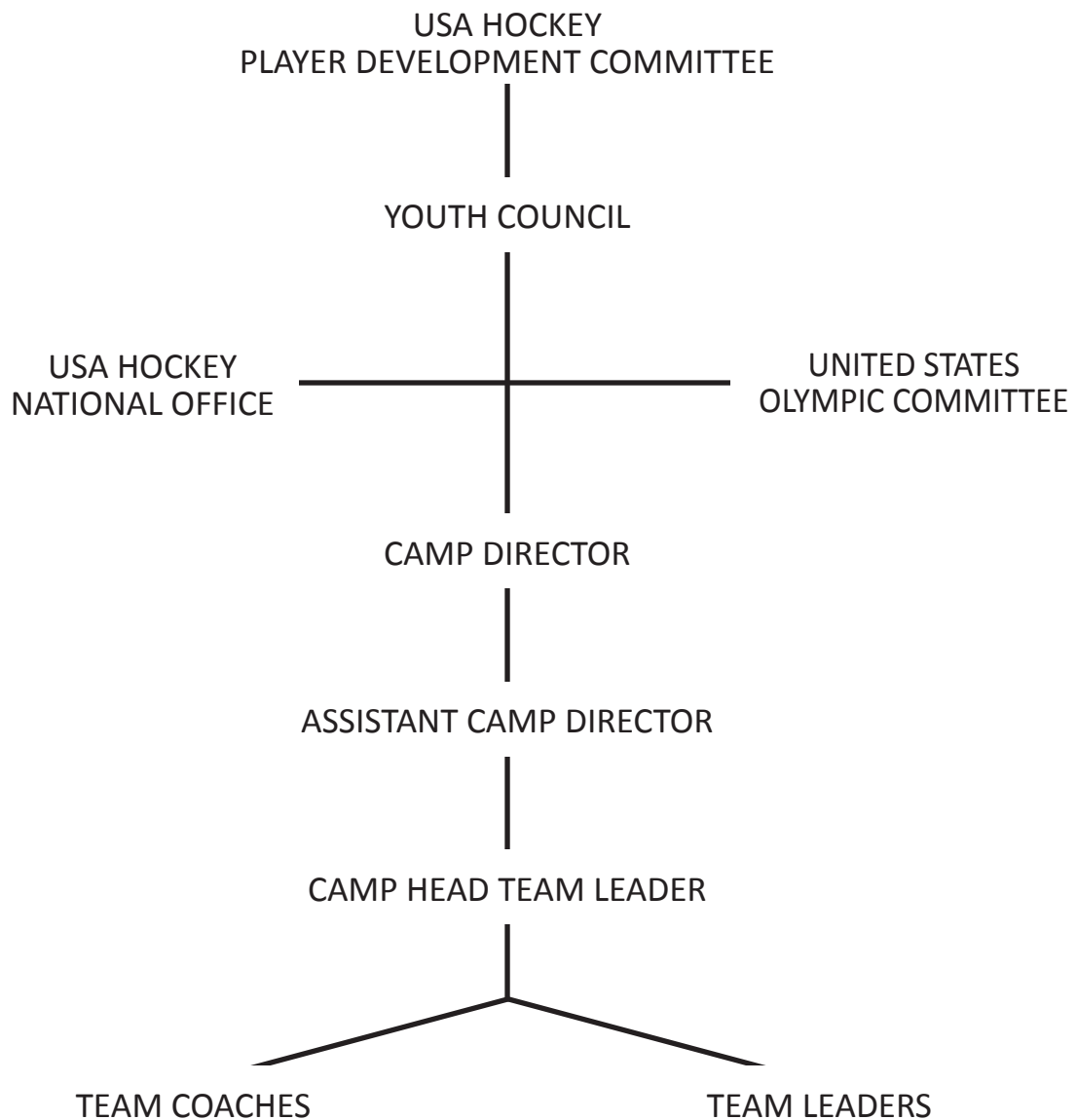
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the USA Hockey Player Development Camps. Please remember that these address many issues for all camps in Amherst. Should you have any questions beyond those included below and what is covered in the participant guidebook, please contact Jodie Penn (jodiep@usahockey.org or 719-538-1182).

Do I need my consent to treat forms?

The consent to treat form will be part of your registration. All forms are to be signed and agreed upon online. You will need to complete the information during registration and at the end be asked to signed three different forms. There is no need to print the forms unless you would like to keep a copy for your records.

What if I have food allergies?

Please complete the consent to treat form accordingly. Please also email Jodie Penn (jodiep@usahockey.org) and she will make sure the information is provided to the Director, Trainer and both the rink and the college where the players eat. Jodie will copy you on each email so that you can get in touch with them also.

To whom should I provide my flight arrangements?

Please ensure that your flight arrangements are updated on your USA Hockey Rocky Mountain Registration account. Please log in using your username and password to update this information. This is how we know when the players are arriving and departing. If you have checked the box that you require transportation, a USA Hockey representative will be at the airport to collect you.

What should I do if I am delayed during my travels?

If you find yourself delayed on travel day, please contact Jodie Penn (jodiep@usahockey.org or (719-538-1182) as soon as possible. She will communicate to the appropriate persons on site. Don't worry that it might be after-hours, Jodie will still be answering phones. If you reach her voicemail, leave a message and Jodie will call you right back.

If I am flying, where do I go once I get off the plane?

Make your way to the baggage claim area once you have landed. A USA Hockey, representative will meet you in the baggage area. He/She will let you know where to go after you have retrieved your bags.

If I have my driver's license, can I drive myself to camp?

Yes, you can drive yourself to camp (with your parent's permission, of course). However, you will be required to park in assigned parking, turn your keys into the Camp Director and not be allowed to drive throughout the week. Driving during the week without the permission of the Camp Director will be grounds for dismissal.

If I am driving to the camp where do I go?

Please go to the rink first:

The Northtown Center at Amherst
1615 Amherst Manor Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

From there you will be advised on how to get to the dorm.



What is the general schedule?

There are typically two ice sessions per day, however this varies from camp to camp. When not on the ice, players will be engaged in off-ice activities and programs. While not much, there will be some down time during the Camp, so it is recommended to bring a book, music, or other activity to occupy that time.

Does USA Hockey provide sheets and towels for me?

Sheets, a blanket and pillows are provided, but each player will be expected to BRING THEIR OWN TOWEL. Additionally, we do not provide toiletries, so please bring your own shampoo, soap and other bathroom necessities.

What kind of clothes should I bring?

Please bring typical summer hockey camp clothes with you. This should include workout clothes and running shoes for your off-ice training sessions. There will not be any need to dress up during the camp, so you can leave those uncomfortable clothes at home. Inappropriate clothing will not be tolerated.

Do I need to bring my hockey equipment?

Yes! You are required to bring all of your own equipment, as required by USA Hockey rules. Remember, mouth guards and helmet earpieces are required.

How much money should I bring?

This is a personal preference. You will be provided three meals a day, however you may want to order pizza at night or get items from the vending machines. There will also be some USA Hockey merchandise available at each camp. Please use your best judgment, especially if bringing cash.

When will the schedule be posted on the website?

The on-ice schedules and rosters will be posted on usahockey.com as soon as they are complete (*hopefully at least a week in advance*). Players will receive any off-ice schedules on a day-to-day basis while at camp.

Who will be my roommate? Can I request who my roommate is?

Roommates will be assigned by USA Hockey and provided to you upon arrival. Your roommate(s) will most likely be from a different USA Hockey district. We do not take roommate requests. Switching rooms and/or roommates will not be allowed.

Where do we eat?

Three meals a day will be provided. Players will eat breakfast and lunch at the University of Buffalo, and dinner will be served in the rink at The Northtown Center at Amherst. Scheduled meal times will be provided during the camp. Players are required to eat all meals with their team.

Can I bring my cell phone?

Players are allowed to bring cell phones, but they will have limited time to use them throughout the camp. Players are encouraged to use them only during times that do not interfere with their team obligations and commitments.



How do we get back and forth from the rink?

Players and staff will walk back and forth from the rink and dorms in Amherst.

Will there be trainers available?

USA Hockey has trainers and medical personnel available 24 hours a day. Any medical/training needs should be addressed directly with those members

Will I be able to get my skates sharpened while at camp?

We will have on-site equipment managers for all equipment needs. You will be informed at the opening meeting about how to address any equipment needs and where to leave your skates should they need sharpening.

Can my parents and/or other visitors come and watch me or visit me during the week?

Parents and visitors are invited to watch on-ice sessions during the week. There is no admission fee. Players will be able to converse with parents and family members after practices and games until the team leader indicates that it is time for the team to move on to the next activity. Players are not allowed to leave with a parent/visitor at any time, unless he has checked out of the camp and does not plan to return.

I have heard that it gets hot during the summer in the dorms. Should I bring a fan?

The dorms in Amherst are air conditioned.

Can I bring food to the camp?

Three meals a day will be provided by USA Hockey. If players would like to bring their own snacks and beverages they may.

Will pictures be taken at the camp?

Pictures will be taken by Sport THS Photography and will be posted on the thsphoto.com website. You can also contact Steve Demo (*team19@aol.com* or 716-570-0835) for further information.

What is my mailing address while I am at camp?

USA Hockey/Player Name
The Northtown Center at Amherst
1615 Amherst Manor Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221



2019 BOYS & SLED HOCKEY CAMP DATES

**Boys' Select 17 (2002)
Player Development Camp**
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York
June 25 - July 1, 2019

**Boys' Select 16 (2003)
Player Development Camp**
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York
July 7-13, 2019

**Boys' Select 15 (2004)
Player Development Camp**
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York
July 15-20, 2019

Boys' Select 15 Goaltender Camp (2004)
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York
July 12-15, 2019
^Required for all 15 camp goalies

**Sled Hockey
Player Development Camp**
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York
July 7-12, 2019

**All staff will arrive one day prior to the start of camp.*



2019 CAMP DIRECTORS

Select 17 Player Development Camp

Director:

Flint DOUNGCHAK

Assistant Director/Rink Coordinator:

Ken FIKIS

Head Team Leader:

Sam MAYASICH

Select 16 Player Development Camp

Director:

T.C. LEWIS

Assistant Director/Rink Coordinator:

Mark SERVAES

Head Team Leader:

Joe AMUNDSON

Select 15 Player Development Camp

Director:

Gump WHITESIDE

Assistant Director/Rink Coordinator:

Bill MCCLELLAN

Assistant Director/Head Team Leader:

Parker METZ

Sled Hockey Player Development Camp

Directors:

J.J. O'CONNOR

Jim SMITH



PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players, within the eligible age classification that are registered with USA Hockey, are notified that the camps are taking place and what method is being used to select the players who will be named to participate.

Only United States citizens and who are registered with USA Hockey are eligible to attend these programs.

SELECT 17 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2018-19) and born in 2002.

Participants in the Select 17 Camp will be competing for a spot on the U.S. Men's Under-18 Select Team for international competition in August.

SELECT 16 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2018-19) and born in 2003.

Participants in the Select 16 Camp will be competing for a spot on the U.S. Men's Under-17 Select Team for international competition in August.

SELECT 15 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2018-19) and born in 2004.

SLED PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Male and female players who are registered USA Hockey players (2018-19).

Note: *Players who have left their Affiliate/District Association (place of residence) to play in another District are still considered to be a part of USA Hockey and should tryout in the District in which they normally reside. Every effort must be made to make sure all eligible players have the opportunity to tryout.*



PLAYER BRIEFING SHEET

REGISTRATION

Players will receive an email invitation from Rocky Mountain Register which will include a registration user name and password. The user name and password is case sensitive and is only valid for 10 days. The online registration must be completed within that time frame and all documents returned to the USA Hockey national office to secure your spot in the Camp. Failure to do so may result in the player being replaced.

If the registration email is not received, please check the junk mail folder. If it is not there, please contact the USA Hockey national office immediately.

COST

Participants will be required to pay a \$175 registration fee for the Player Development Camps. This fee covers the costs of ice, jerseys, socks, food and housing.

CONDUCT

We ask that you consider your selection to participate in this Camp as an honor and privilege and to conduct yourself accordingly. Be alert to all instructions given both on and off the ice. Be respectful at all times. Always be on time!

TRANSPORTATION

Each player is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the Camp. Transportation will be provided from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport to the The Northtown Center at Amherst. Upon arrival, players will be met in the baggage claim area and bused to the rink. Please make sure that your arrival and departure information is completed within the online registration tool. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times.

IDENTIFICATION

All participants must wear their USA Hockey credential.

EQUIPMENT

You must bring full hockey gear, including sticks. All participants must wear a USA Hockey/HECC-approved helmet and facemask. Facemasks, mouthguards and required helmet earpieces are mandatory. USA Hockey will provide a jersey and socks that you may keep. All baggage should be properly tagged, including your hockey equipment bag.

CLOTHING

Only casual clothing, such as t-shirts, shorts, warm-ups, sneakers, sweatshirts, etc., is needed. Laundry facilities are available on-site. While traveling, it is suggested that appropriate clothing be worn (*jeans, khakis, golf shirt, dress short, etc.*). Please make sure you are wearing appropriate attire. Clothing with bad language along with apparel from other hockey federations will not be accepted. **Note:** All players are required to bring at least two towels.



MONEY

You will not need money for food and lodging, We recommend that you do not bring large amounts of cash. There might be optional activities available (*i.e. swimming, open gym, movie night*) that campers will need to pay for on their own. USA Hockey staff will be present at all activities.

MERCHANDISE

There will be USA Hockey merchandise (*designed and produced through the USA Hockey national office*) for sale at all of the Camps. Prices for the merchandise (*hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.*) will vary depending on the product. Credit cards and cash will be accepted. Merchandise will be displayed in an easily accessible area for all participants.

DRUG TESTING

The U.S. Olympic Training Center may conduct random drug tests at all USA Hockey Camps. Cooperation is mandatory. Non-compliance will be cause for the same penalties as a positive drug test. Please be advised that most over-the-counter and prescription drugs contain banned substances. If you are taking any medication, you may call the USADA Hotline (800-233-0393) or check usantidoping.org to verify if they contain banned substances.

PASSPORTS

USA Hockey recommends that all participants at the Select 16 and 17 Camps obtain a U.S. passport. As a participant in one of our national level programs, it is possible that you may be selected to compete in international competition. Obtaining a U.S. passport prior to the Camp will save you money, time and inconvenience should you be selected to compete internationally. Applications are available through the U.S. Postal Service. All players that currently have a passport should check the expiration date to ensure that the passport is valid through February 2020.

VISITATION

Parents and friends may visit the The Northtown Center at Amherst. No visitors shall be in the dormitory and/or locker rooms without the consent of the Camp Director. Players are expected to follow their daily schedules fully and should not make other plans during the course of the Camp.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Players may bring cell phones and other electronic devices to the camp. However, all devices must be turned off or placed in silent mode during all camp activities including in the classroom, cafeteria, meetings and locker rooms. Non-compliance with this rule will result in confiscation of the item until the end of Camp.



HOCKEY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION COUNCIL

All players are required to wear HECC-certified helmets, facemasks and/or goalkeeper head and face protection. Any player who is not wearing HECC-approved models will be ruled off the ice until the equipment is corrected. This policy includes any piece of HECC-certified equipment that is deemed to be altered.

A current listing of HECC-approved equipment can be found on the Hockey Equipment Certification Council website at: hecc.net. This website is updated on a regular basis with any new equipment that has recently been certified. However, the information on the HECC site only includes products that are currently still being manufactured. If in doubt as to the legality of a helmet, facemask and/or goalkeeper head and face protection, the questioned piece of equipment should have a HECC sticker attached.

Please remember that all players, including goalkeepers, in the 12 & Under through 18 & Under (including High School) and in the Girls'/Women's 10 & Under through 19 & Under age classifications are required to wear a colored (non-clear) mouthpiece which covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. It is recommended that the mouthpiece be form-fitted by a dentist.

Rule 304: Protective Equipment:

(D) All players, including goalkeepers, in all age classifications below Adults, are required to wear a facemask certified by HECC, plus any chin protection that accompanies the facemask. (Note) Any helmet or facemask that is altered except as permitted in Rule 304(c) shall be deemed to be illegal equipment and shall not be allowed to be used in a game. (This shall include helmets from which a part has been cut or removed, facemasks from which the chin-cup has been removed or any other such alterations from the original manufacturing specifications.)

Here is the link to the list of certified goalie helmets: <http://www.hecc.net/certprods.html>



GAME PROCEDURES

The following format will be used during the Player Development Camps:

1. Teams should arrive at the rink one hour before game time. The Team Leader should check in with the Camp Director upon arrival.
2. Teams will take the ice five minutes before the scheduled game time for a five-minute warm-up.
3. Each goalkeeper **MUST** play one half of each game. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. All games will start on time.

GAME LOGISTICS AND PLAYING RULES

Game will consist of two 25-minute, stop-time halves. The rink will be resurfaced prior to pre-game warm-up and at the end of the first half. The teams will line up on opposite sides from their bench for the first half and switch ends after intermission. The Home Team will be designated on the score sheet. Each team is entitled to one time-out per game. A team may warm up a goalkeeper without taking their time-out.

Minor penalties will be 1.5 minutes in length. The penalized team will play short-handed, and normal USA Hockey penalty termination rules apply (first in, first out). Coincidental minors and majors shall cancel in regard to on-ice strength.

Major penalties will be 3 minutes in length, and will not terminate on a goal. If the infraction is severe enough to warrant a Major plus Game Misconduct, the offending player shall be removed from the game (and subject to further discipline by the PDC Staff) and the offending team shall play shorthanded for 3 minutes, **but no substitute player shall serve the major penalty.** Upon the expiration of the major, the offending team shall send a player from the Team Bench to regain even-strength.

Anytime a penalty is assessed that appears on the game clock and causes a team to be shorthanded, the ensuing face-off shall take place at a defending zone face-off spot.

1. When a penalty is assessed after a goal is scored the face-off will take place at the center ice face-off spot.
2. When a penalty is assessed at the start of a period or at the end of the previous period the face-off will take place at the center ice face-off spot.
3. When the defending team is penalized and the attacking players enter into the attacking zone beyond the outer edge of the end zone face-off circle, the face-off shall take place at one of the neutral zone face-off spots nearest the attacking blue line.
4. When the team not being penalized ices the puck, the face-off shall take place at a neutral zone face-off spot outside the defending blue line of the team icing the puck.
5. When play has been stopped for a pre-mature substitution for a goalkeeper during a delayed penalty, the face-off shall occur at the center ice face-off spot.



If the game is tied at the end of regulation, a five-player shoot-out will take place. If still tied after five rounds, the shoot-out continues in “sudden death” format using different players until all eligible players have been used. Players with active penalties may not participate in a shoot-out (unless serving as a substitute).

The USA Hockey Youth Playing Rules using the Standard of Play and Enforcement Initiative will be used during all games (except with the listed changes).

The “tag-up” rule will apply to all delayed off-side situations. A shot on goal during a delayed off-side situation shall result in an immediate whistle.

Short-handed teams may not “ice” the puck. Both teams may change players after an icing infraction. The Hybrid Icing rule shall be used in all games. An errant icing call shall result in a “last play” face-off in the end-zone where the puck was located when play was stopped (not center ice).

Boarding, Charging, Checking-from-Behind, and Head Contact penalty options are Minor plus Misconduct, Major plus Game Misconduct, or Match. A Major plus Game Misconduct must be assessed for a Check-from-Behind that sends the opponent “head first” into the boards or goal frame.

Butt-Ending, Head-Butting, Spearing, and Grabbing the Facemask are all Major plus Game Misconduct infractions. Any reckless or deliberate Head Contact must result in a Major plus Game Misconduct.

A Minor or Major penalty may be assessed for all other infractions (except Interference and Holding). A Major plus Game Misconduct should be assessed if an injury results.

All players must wear a complete HECC-approved helmet with facemask, and a non-clear internal mouthpiece.

Any goalkeeper or player who shoots the puck directly out of play shall not be assessed a minor penalty.

The “five-second” face-off procedure begins the moment the referee completes the line changes. Officials may “present” the puck for face-offs.

If a player receives five penalties (any type) during one game, he shall immediately be assessed a Game Misconduct.

All face-offs shall occur at one of the nine face-off dot locations.

Hand-passes result in a last-play face-off at the point closest to the offending team’s defending zone (point initiated or received). If the attacking team commits a hand-pass in their attacking zone, the face-off is located at the nearest neutral zone face-off dot.

High Sticking infractions (playing the puck) result in a face-off in the offending team’s defensive end-zone.

Coincidental Minor or Major penalties (assessed at the same time) result in immediate substitution for both players and play resumes 5 v 5. The players must wait for the first stoppage after the expiration of their penalties to leave the penalty bench.

A fighting penalty must result in a Major plus Game Misconduct penalty. If a player removes his own, or an opponent’s helmet during an altercation, he must be assessed a Match penalty. If a player’s helmet is improperly worn (loose or missing chin-strap, etc.) and is removed during an altercation, the player must be assessed a Game Misconduct.

A player must have “possession & control” of the puck on a break-a-way to assess a penalty shot.

On-ice officials will supervise all games. Any changes in format or problems should be discussed prior to the start of the game with the Camp Director.



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Staff Travel

USA Hockey will coordinate and pay for the transportation for all head staff, team leaders and coaches. USA Hockey will pay the least expensive available round-trip airfare or, if traveling by ground transportation, USA Hockey will pay the current IRS standard mileage rate up to a maximum of \$450. Unless approved prior to the travel date.

After advised on travel details by the national office, staff should book airline tickets **early** in order to get the best fare. Individuals will be required to contact Jodie Penn (jodiep@usahockey.org) at the USA Hockey national office with the following details:

- Name as it appears on your travel document
- Date of birth
- Departure airport
- United Plus number

For staff members that are arriving by air, please complete your flight information when completing your online registration and check the box if transportation from the airport is required.

Player Travel

Each player is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the Camp.

Transportation for the players will be provided from Buffalo Niagara International Airport to The Northtown Center at Amherst in Amherst, New York. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times, unless the flight is delayed.

When booking travel to the camp, check-in time is between 2:00-5:00 p.m. If flying, you should arrive at Buffalo Niagara International Airport no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of check-in. Players can and should arrive any time before 4:30 p.m. Events are scheduled for the arrival day, players will risk missing these very important events if they schedule their arrival after 4:30 p.m.



DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Pick-Up Location

There will be designated pick-up locations and times for all participating players and staff.

Departure Time

The last games will finish around 2:00 p.m. on the last day of the camp. We recommended that travel is booked for anytime after 3:00 p.m. to avoid missing the last game. *(Game times are subject to change).*

Dormitory Check-Out

Dormitory check-out will be supervised by the Team Leaders. Team Leaders are responsible for inspecting the entire room for cleanliness. Cleaning fees will be charged to the players for rooms that are excessively dirty and/or damaged. They are responsible for collecting and turning in keys to the front desk and luggage transportation. A \$125 fee will be charged for any lost key.

Player Responsibilities

Players are responsible for:

- Packing all belongings
- Emptying all garbage cans
- Sweeping each room
- Folding all blankets
- Returning sheets, pillowcase, towel to designated area.
- Turning key into Team Leader *(\$125 lost key charge)*
- Having all belongings outside dorm prior to specific pick-up time
- Loading personal luggage and hockey equipment at specified time

Bus Transportation Schedule

Bus transportation schedules will be created based on player travel schedules.

Players are expected to depart the Camp at the date and time so designated by the national office. We understand there may be a case of departures having to be delayed due to the geographic constraints of some players. These will be handled on an individual basis only. Players are responsible for their own room and board on stayovers and must vacate the Camp at the stated time. One adult must remain with any player who has a stayover.

Early Departure

The parent or legal guardian of all minor-aged players must sign an Early Release Form if a player decides to leave Camp earlier than the assigned date/time. No minor age player may leave Camp without the approval of the Camp Director and a properly completed Early Release Form.



HOST SITE

**University of Buffalo
The Northtown Center at Amherst
Amherst, New York**

Office Hours

8.45 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (*Monday thru Friday*)
Receptionist on duty

Check-In

Check-in for all athletes is from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of arrival. Players should drop their hockey equipment off at the The Northtown Center at Amherst and then proceed to Greiner Hall at the University of Buffalo dormitories. You will be issued your room key, linens and ID tag at the dormitory. There will be an on-ice practice on the day of arrival. Please keep this in mind when you are booking your flight. **USA Hockey cannot allow for players to arrive a day early to camp.**

Check-Out

Specific check-out times will be arranged during the Camp. All players and staff must be out of assigned rooms no later than noon on departure day.

Mail

The following will be your address during the Player Development Camps:
The Northtown Center at Amherst
1615 Amherst Manor Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

Meals

Information regarding meal times will be given to you upon arrival. Three meals a day will be provided by the University of Buffalo dining hall and The Northtown Center at Amherst restaurant.

Visitors

The facilities are for and limited to the purpose of providing adequate housing, meals, training facilities and recreation for authorized program participants only. There are no facilities for friends, parents, etc., unless they are an authorized member of the program. **Guests are not permitted to visit the dormitory areas.**



OPENING MEETING AGENDA

The following information will be covered during the opening meeting:

1. Players are to wear ID tag (visible, not tucked in shirt) at all times when not on the ice.
2. Team staff are responsible for all actions on their floor of the dormitory.
3. Locker room, cafeteria and dorm rules include:
 - Players must be RESPECTFUL at all times.
 - Swearing is not appropriate and will not be tolerated at any time.
 - Tobacco, alcohol and mood-altering chemicals will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal.
 - Absence or tardiness to any function will not be tolerated.
 - Disrespect displayed toward staff/administrators or participants will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal.
 - A strict curfew will be enforced EACH night of the Camp. Players must be in his/her OWN room at 10:30 p.m. Lights out at 11:00 p.m.
 - Recycling bins are provided – please use them.
 - Players must wear their assigned jersey numbers. NO SWITCHING!
 - Rooms will be inspected daily.
 - Pizza deliveries must arrive at the dorms no later than 10:30 p.m.
 - No games may be played in the hallways of the dorm.
 - Keep the recreation area clean. Please pick up your litter.
 - Do not overload the elevators.
 - Players must always be accompanied by a team staff member.
4. Closing Remarks
 - Be on time!
 - Activities will be demanding and a positive attitude is expected
 - Give 100% all the time!
 - Make the most of your camp experience!

NO PLAYER IS TO LEAVE THE FACILITY OR CAMPUS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE CAMP DIRECTOR AND/OR HEAD TEAM LEADER.



PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. On and off-ice behavior will be observed by the entire staff at all times and is a factor in determining participants that deserve further opportunities in USA Hockey programs.
2. Players and staff are expected to bus their own tables in the cafeteria.
3. Unruly behavior and/or obscene language will not be tolerated.
4. Hats will NOT be worn in the cafeteria.
5. Any action that, in the opinion of the Camp Director and his/her staff, is deemed to be detrimental to the well being of the program, will result in suspension or dismissal from the Camp (*under these circumstances, transportation home would be at the player's own expense*), and will affect the individual's eligibility for future USA Hockey programs. This includes the use of alcohol and/or possession of non-prescription drugs, tobacco and smokeless tobacco products.



USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP EARLY RELEASE FORM

Room Inspection Check-Out Completed: Yes No

Camp Director: _____

Team Leader: _____



***I request an early release for _____ from the _____
Camp. This participant will not return to the Camp site after the date and time as noted below.***

As the parent/guardian of this participant, I consent to his/her release from the USA Hockey National Player Development Camp and release the United States Olympic Committee, USA Hockey and all of the dormitories and facilities of any and all liabilities incident to his/her early release with his/her involvement in this Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Release Date: _____ Release Time: _____