



2017 Details For 15U - 2002's

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: At the 15U level things will be different than they were in 2016. It is a two-step process this year: we have the OPEN TRYOUT in April followed by the TRYOUT FESTIVAL in May. From the tryout festival, we will create a "Festival Team" (9F, 6D, 2G) who attend the National Development Camp and our "District Team" (up to 28 players, including 2 goalies) who go to Kent State for a regional Development Camp with SE, Northern Plains Mid-Am, and Michigan Districts as well as players from Romania. Alternates will also be named for the Festival. Players are to plan accordingly and be available for both events upon acceptance to the program.

Eighty (80) players participated in the camp(s) in 2016. The 2017 Tryout Festival has a maximum of eighty roster spots - 4 teams (12F, 6D, 2G). We are compelled to offer potential positions for "new players" (those who have not participated in the past), and therefore needed to create some openings which will be competed for at the Open Tryout. Therefore, we were forced to make difficult decisions as to who grant "a pass" to the Tryout Festival and who to ask to attend the Open Tryout.

Given this, our staff spent considerable time ranking each player at the close of camp. Each player was discussed and given a ranking A, B, or C...Much like the NHL ranks draft eligible players. Then, we revisited the list last month to discuss. We consulted multiple sources and current coaches within the District - in addition to our core staff. From this discussion, we calculated our list and subsequently invited roughly 50 players to the Tryout Festival. The remaining players will need to attend the Open Tryout, where they will compete with "new players" for one the remaining 30 spots.

As has been discussed multiple times in various forums, development is not a linear process, and things change month to month and year to year. We are doing our very best to be respectful to that process, while maintaining fair and equal tryout process.

While you may not agree with our rankings, and subsequent list, we can assure you that no player has been excluded from the Tryout Festival or "cut" from the program. Each player will be given the utmost opportunity to reclaim his position at the 2017 Tryout Festival. However, he will need to attend the Open Tryout to do so.

OPEN TRYOUTS:

As per above, all new players who have not been part of our program as well as those not chosen from the 2016 camps will need to tryout the weekend of April 22-23, 2017. Open tryouts will be held at the Flyers Skate Zone, Voorhees, NJ. Pre-registrations are being taken online. If pre-registered, the cost of the tryout will be \$40. All walk-ons who do not pre-register, will be charged \$60 payable at the door either by credit card or cash. Once registered, no refunds will be issued. Deadline for pre-registration is March 30, 2017. All players will receive a tryout jersey when they arrive to wear during the tryout and for players to keep afterwards. Online registrations are being taken at: <https://rockymountainregister.com/enroll/usah/login.asp?programid=150>



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Open Tryout Schedule:

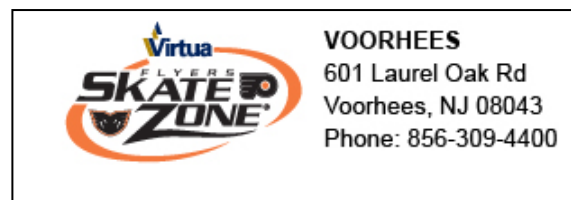
Date	Day	Time	Group	Position	Rink
22-Apr	Saturday	12:45-1:30pm	15/16/17	Goalies	Phantoms
22-Apr	Saturday	2:45-4:00pm	15	F	Flyers
22-Apr	Saturday	3:15-4:30pm	15	D	Phantoms
23-Apr	Sunday	8:00-8:45am	15/16/17	Goalies	Flyers
23-Apr	Sunday	9:30-10:45am	15	all	Phantoms

AFTER OPEN TRYOUTS:

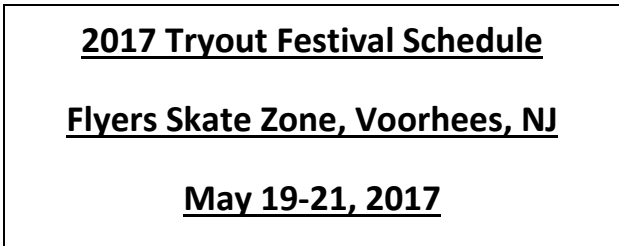
Following the OPEN TRYOUT all players will be notified by the end of business, Wednesday, April 26, via email if they are chosen to attend the tryout festival. Players chosen will then receive a second email -FROM INFO@USAHOCKEY- with a link to register for the tryout festival. The cost for the tryout festival is \$220.00

TRYOUT FESTIVAL:

Players invited back from the open tryout will join the invited players from last year to the tryout festival. The festival will be held the weekend of May 20-21, 2017 at the Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, NJ. All registrations must be done online prior to the festival using the registration link received by email from Info@USAHockey. The registration fee includes all of the ice time plus a tryout jersey and socks for the players to wear during the tryout festival and to keep afterwards. No walk-ons will be permitted.



You will be notified, the week of the tryout festival, what color team you are assigned to. You will receive this by email. All players need to go to the registration table at the rink to check in one hour prior to going on the ice and receive your assigned jersey/socks that you will wear during the tryouts and can keep afterwards.



FOR THE TRYOUT TIMES OF OUR FESTIVAL, PLEASE SEE OUR WEB PAGE



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AFTER THE TRYOUT FESTIVAL:

Following the tryout festival, all players will be notified via email by the end of business Wednesday following the festival if they are chosen to attend either the USA Hockey Festival of the Select 15 Festival hosted by the Mid-Am District at Kent State University. Players chosen to advance will then receive a second email -FROM USA HOCKEY- with a link to register. Regardless of being chosen to attend the National Festival or Kent State University, transportation is not included to either location.



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1. April 22-23; Open Tryout @ Flyers Skate Zone, Voorhees, NJ
2. May 20-21; Tryout Festival @ Flyers Skate Zone, Voorhees, NJ
3. July 15-19th; National Festival @ Amherst, NY
4. August 2-6; Select 15 Festival @ Kent State University

THE USA HOCKEY NATIONAL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT:

The National Festival for the 2002 birth year will be held July 15-19, 2017. The Northtown Center at Amherst, formerly the Amherst Ice Center and the Amherst Pepsi Center, is an 1,800-seat multipurpose arena in Amherst, New York located adjacent the University at Buffalo.



You will be notified by email if you have been chosen to attend the USA Hockey National Festival in Amherst, NY. We will notify USA Hockey that you have been chosen. You will then receive an email from USA Hockey with information on how and when to register. The registration fee to attend the Festival is \$150 and payable online directly to USA Hockey. Transportation is not included in this fee. USA Hockey has a participant guide that they will send to you with all of the information that you will need to know about the National festival.

In addition to sending our players that we are allotted to, we will also nominate players to the festival to be considered as a possible replacement for any player who was sent to the festival who cannot attend. While we make the recommendation, it is out of our control on whether or not you can attend. USA Hockey makes the decision and will notify you if you are accepted as an alternate.



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If, for whatever reason, a player cannot fulfill his/her commitment to participate at the Camp, he/she will be replaced by USA Hockey ONLY.

Very often, outstanding players are unavailable for their District tryouts due to extenuating circumstances and it is the desire of the USA Hockey Player Development Committee to include the best possible players from across the country. The Player Development Committee, along with the National Office staff and the NTDP staff, work closely to track the nation's best players and will work hard to assure that any replacement will be an asset to the Camp

In **NO EVENT** should any District Player Development personnel or anyone else promise a replacement spot to a player at any Camp. The above procedure will be followed in all cases of player replacement.

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SELECT 15 FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THE MID-AM DISTRICT AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

August 2-6, 2017

Overview: The Select 15 Festival will be comprised of 2002 birthdates from several Districts in USA Hockey. The purpose of this week is to provide a Development Camp and Festival for the players from each of the Districts who were **not** selected to attend the National Festival.

The Districts participating will send individual players, not a full team. There will be 4 to 6 teams of 20 players per team. Players from each District will be placed evenly on all the teams (i.e. If there are 16 players from Mid Am and there are 4 teams, then each team will have 4 Mid Am Players).

The ADM staff of USA Hockey will oversee the practices on Wednesday and Thursday working in conjunction with the coaching staff of each team.

The registration fee to attend the Festival is \$430 and payable online. Transportation is not included in this fee. Players will receive an email from Info@USAH with the registration link for you to register, just as you did for the Atlantic District tryout festival.

Staffing: In the past, each District was responsible for sending their own staff. Districts can still send staff but they will assigned to teams randomly. We would prefer that not only the players be mixed up amongst teams, but the staff as well. Working in conjunction with each District, we will come up with staff allocations. This also follows the format of the USA Hockey National Festival.



Location: Kent State University, Kent, OH. Kent State is located 1 hour southeast of Cleveland, OH, 20 minutes from Akron, OH, and 90 minutes northwest of Pittsburgh, PA

Check In: Players can check in on Wednesday August 2 all day at the Ice Arena. Arrangements can be made for those players who are flying and need help with transportation. The airports that we can help with transporting players are Cleveland Hopkins and Akron/Canton airports. If arriving by plane, we ask that the flight arrive by 3pm.

Supervision of Players: Each team will have a Head Coach and two Assistant Coach/Counselors and one evening Counselor. Each District sending players

will have the opportunity to send staff from their District.

Accommodations: The players and staff of each team will be housed in Wright Hall which is a 5 minute walk of the Ice Arena. The dorm is air-conditioned and has several lounges for the players to hang out in. Towels, blankets, pillows, linens etc...will be provided.

The Cost Per Player Includes:

- Housing (4 nights)
- Ice Time (practice and games)
- Meals (Wednesday dinner thru Sunday lunch)
- Lodging (3 nights)
- Eastway Rec Center usage
- Jersey and Socks
- Athletic Trainer at rink during day and living in dorm



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Meals: All meals will be eaten on the campus and most will be served at the KSU Ice Arena.

Recreation Rink: During the summer our second rink is a dry floor. This is a rink with dimensions of 150 x 80 feet and is a perfect facility for coaches to use for walk throughs or other off ice activities.

Recreation and Activities: Teams will have access to Recreation and Wellness Center which is a three-minute walk from the Ice Arena. In addition to the new Wellness Center, players can also use the Eastway Recreation Center which has billiards tables, a six lane bowling alley and a snack shop.

Format: There will be 4 - 6 teams participating. A final schedule will be sent out once we have the final number of players and teams. The games will start on Friday and finish up with the championship game on Sunday morning.



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USA Hockey Player Development Camps

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 program.

The purpose of the Camps is to identify, train, educate and evaluate our best athletes. Individuals are selected by twelve USA Hockey Districts to attend the week-long event. During this week, our players are evaluated by our national scouting 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 August competition in Europe.

This program is not a tryout for our 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 program 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 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.



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