



ALLIANCE HOCKEY

GLHA and London Jr. Knights
November 28, 2013

Preamble

At a recent meeting with the Jr. Knights President Kevin Egan, we brought the Jr. Knights up to speed on the GLHA Structure for the 2014-15 season.

ALLIANCE Hockey's Involvement

ALLIANCE Hockey has been involved in the process for the following Reasons

1. To create a better experience for the participant in the City of London
2. To create a development model that promotes hockey in the City of London that is consistent with the message that was delivered at the 2013 ALLIANCE Hockey AGM Pyramid of Recreational Hockey to the Elite Participant

With the Current Proposal for the GLHA how will this be achieved?

- Less teams at the Seeded level and more of an emphasis on MD Hockey which strengthens the base and middle of the pyramid and gets players participating at the level that they should be playing based on the review of the last two season records for Seeded and MD Hockey
- A greater pool of Coaches to interview and select from the existing pool with half the teams
- More competitive hockey at the Seeded level with two teams as opposed to four which will add in development and produce better players for the top of the pyramid.
- The goal of ALLIANCE Hockey in working with the GLHA is to produce teams that annually will compete for OHF A Championships which will aid the development process in having players participate in meaningful games in March and April

What will guarantee success for this Proposal?

A relationship by all Minor Hockey Associations, the Junior Knights the Members Associations of the GLHA and ALLIANCE Hockey to ensure that they are all putting the London Hockey participant at the forefront to maximize their Minor Hockey Experience as it Relates to the Development Pyramid. It is ALLIANCE Hockey's opinion that the London Hockey parents are looking for a structure that works and good working relationships and agreements between all Hockey Bodies in the City of London

Try-outs – Tryout Progression for GLHA and Jr. Knights

- The Jr. Knights to host the first level of try-outs as per OHF Try-out progression AAA, AA and A
- The GLHA to support this progression by encouraging participants to attend Jr. Knights Try-outs as per OHF Try-out progression.
- There will be no mandatory try-out progression but tampering charges will apply for those Coaches who do not support the London Development Model (This to be supported by both Hockey Parties)
- The GLHA and Jr. Knights to correspond on try-out dates and for the GLHA to not overlap or run at the same time as Jr. Knights try-outs





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- The Jr. Knights to not extend try-outs which would create and overlap situation

Measurements of Success

- For the Jr. Knights to have similar numbers for try-outs as in previous years
- The Jr. Knights to be the Elite Level of Hockey in the City of London as evidenced by the standings at the end of the year. The Jr. Knights competing for OHF AA Championships and the GLHA competing for OHF A Championships.

ALLIANCE Hockey is committed to this development model. The key to success is that all Hockey Associations in the City believe and promote the Development Structure. If the measurements of success are not met, ALLIANCE Hockey will have to revisit the structure with both the GLHA and Junior Knights organizations to ensure that the Development Pyramid is achieved.

