

# Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Peewee Parent Meeting

2019-2020 Season



# Expectations

- 2007 and 2008 age groups are some of our biggest age groups
- Last year there were 5 Rep Teams in Peewee and 7 Recreational Teams
- Goalie evaluation and early game evaluations will help to reduce this number to a manageable size, with consideration for tryout refunds.
- Majority of first year Peewee players should expect to challenge for a spot on the A3 to A5 teams; not A1 and A2 teams
- Exceptional first year players should challenge for spots on the A2 team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year players in Peewee USUALLY move up 1-2 levels in their second year but no guarantee.
  - If you played A2 or A3 last year, you should challenge for a spot on A2 or A1
  - If you played A4 or A5 last year, you should challenge for a spot on A4 to A2
- Peewee is the transition between **Development into Competition**
  - Playing on a lower rep team might be a better opportunity for development for your child, both on and off the ice.



# Misconceptions

- Coaches have not already picked their teams – they may have an idea of what type of team they would like or style of play they prefer.
- No player is guaranteed a spot on any team. In some years, returning players will play at the same or even lower level.
- There is no backdoor route to make it on a higher team (e.g. missing tryouts, declaring for A1, moving between working groups)
- Declaring for A1 and going through the A1 tryouts will be beneficial just for the experience and extra ice times? Depends but huge risk of fatigue if out of one's depth
- Where you played spring hockey doesn't guarantee you a spot on any Rep team.
- You must play spring hockey to make a rep team – No!
- Players must register in summer camps to be ready for tryouts? No
- I played on the A3 team last year so I am guaranteed A2 or higher. No



# Metrics

- Forecasting 4/5 Peewee Rep teams; 7/8 Peewee House teams projected
- A5 team still to be determined and is dependent on multiple factors
- Potentially over 180 players for 2007 and 2008 age group
- Over 70 players trying out
- Over 40 have declared for A1 – players will be released early in the process
- 36 players/goalies from 2007 age group played Rep last season A1 – 2
  - A2 – 9
  - A3 – 6
  - A4 – 9
  - A5 – 10
- Each Rep team will likely play in its own flight
  - A1 – GVC Flight 1
  - A2 – GVC Flight 3
  - A3 – GVC Flight 4
  - A4 – GVC Flight 6
  - A5 – GVC Flight 9
    - Teams usually start Placement round (10 games) in the flight they finished in last year. Based on results, teams could be moved up or down.



# General Timeline of Suggested Activities

Date	Activity
Aug 24-28	A1 Tryouts and formation of A1 Working Group
Aug 26-30	A2/3/4/ Tryouts and formation of Working Groups
Aug 30	Players not in a working group released to House
Sept 3 – Sept 22	Working groups train and play exhibition games; players guaranteed 3 ices times with working group
Sept 3 – 10	House evaluation skates
Sept 11 -22	Internal House Balancing Games
Sep 22	Projected Final releases from Rep and placement on house teams



# How we can help each other

- Communication! Communication! Communication!
  - Talk directly to your division managers (or Pee wee Ambassadors) if you have questions/issues – please avoid hallway conversations as emotions are high
  - If you didn't hear it from the Pee wee managers or Pee wee ambassadors directly, then the information is probably not 100% accurate.
- Transparency and honesty is key – goes both ways.
- Remember, dealing with adversity is always tougher on the parents than the child
- Respect the process and the people here to help administer it. Improvements have been made from the previous years, but it will never be perfect.
- Please provide the necessary space for the evaluators and coaches as they both have lots to complete during the tryout phase.



# Coaches for Peewee

## Peewee Rep Coaches

- A1 Coach is Steve Robinson
- A2 Coach is Steve Yip
- A3-A4 Coaches – not announced yet as some may be parent coaches

## Peewee House Coaches

- 7/8 head coaches needed

