

## Girls High Performance 16 & 17 Structure

### **Girls' 16's (Born 1996) and 17's (Born 1995) Program Structure:**

The High Performance 16/17 program consists of four distinct phases as follows:

#### **Section Tryouts:**

Each of the 8 Girls' Minnesota High School Hockey Sections (A and AA) conducts try-outs in their Section with a minimum of 30-40 players per Section. The try-out process collectively allows a minimum of 240-320 players to participate. These try-outs occur in March each year with 20 players selected to represent their Section in the High Performance 16 and 17 Spring Festival. Each candidate will receive 4.5 hours of ice time and a participant jersey. **All candidates in these age classes are required to complete a USAH registration form on-line and pay all appropriate fees electronically prior to any on-ice participation.**

**Try-out Dates: March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**Try-outs are held at various arenas by Section. A list of firm tryout Dates, by section, will be posted by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Cost: \$80**

#### **Spring Festival Weekend:**

The eight Festival teams have a maximum of 4.5 hours of practice ice that they may use at the coaches discretion. All 8 teams play three games at the festival and each player is evaluated by a experienced team of evaluators and coaches. The Spring Festival showcases the top 160 16 and 17 year old players in the state. 54 players are chosen from the Festival to advance to the Final "54". **All players in these age classes are required to pay the Festival fees electronically prior to on-ice participation.**

**Dates: April 13 - 15, 2012 at Plymouth Ice Center**

**Cost: \$170**

#### **Final "54":**

Following the Festival, 54 players are invited to participate in the Final "54" Try-out. The Final "54" players will be divided up into three teams and have a team practice on Friday and games on Saturday within their age-group. On Sunday they will play cross-over games with the other age-group. A team of knowledgeable coaches and scouts will evaluate all participants, consult with team coaches and select the top players from both the Advanced 16's & 17's. Selected players will represent Minnesota Hockey at the USA Hockey National Select 16 and Select 17 Festivals in the summer.

**All Final "54" players in these age classes are required to pay the Final "54" fees electronically prior to on-ice participation.**

**Dates: April 20 – 22, 2012 at Plymouth Ice Center**

**Cost: \$170**

**National Select 16/17 Camp:**

*The top 20-25 players (as determined by USA Hockey) from the High Performance 16/17 Camps are selected to participate in the National Select 16/17 camps operated by USA Hockey and coached by the top college coaches from across the country. These are 7 day residence camps held at different locations across the US each year and the teams are comprised of players from all over the United States.*

Select 17's-4 teams (each team: 10 forwards, 7 defense and 2 goalies) = 76 players

Select 16's-6 teams (each team: 9 forwards, 6 defense, 2 goalies) = 102 players. Dates and Locations to be determined by USA Hockey and will be posted on the Minnesota Hockey website as soon as they are made available.

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