

## **COLORADO SELECTION CAMP**

### **12.0 Introduction**

The Colorado Selection Camp (formerly Colorado Combine) is a spring event that offers select Colorado resident hockey players the opportunity to showcase their skills and advance to regional and national select camps.

### **12.1 Purpose of the Colorado Selection Camp**

The purpose of the Colorado Selection Camp is to select the Colorado resident players who would like the opportunity to skate against high-level players from their birth year and be selected to move on to the Rocky Mountain District Player Evaluation Camp (RMD PEC), Boys-14 Western Regional High Performance Camp (WRHPC), or the Girls-14 Multi-District High Performance Camp (GMDHPC). It is important to ensure the CAHA Membership understands this is not a training camp. Players registering for the Colorado Selection Camp must be willing and able to attend the accompanying RMD PEC, if selected to do so.

RMD Player Evaluation Camp (PEC) - The RMD PEC is part of USA Hockey's player development and evaluation process. It is an opportunity for players across the district to measure themselves against the best players in the district and get exposure to scouts and high level coaching. Players are evaluated and ranked for selection to the gender and birth year-specific USA Hockey National Select Camps.

Boys-14 Western Regional High Performance Camp - USA Hockey discontinued their 14 Boys national camp in 2012 to give more players at the 15-17 age levels a national camp experience. Statistics show that of the players selected to go to the 14 camp from any district, only about 20% will go to all four camps with about a 50% turnover each year. By creating regional select camps, more players will have the experience of high-level competition and education on training and potential hockey career paths. The camp is normally held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO, in June each year. Players will be housed in dorms at Colorado College and fed on campus. Colorado College has an on-campus rink conveniently located so everything is within walking distance.

Girls-14 Multi-District High Performance Camp - There is a need for further development, high level competition, education, and exposure for female hockey players. The Girls-14 Multi-District (Rocky Mountain, Pacific and Northern Plains) High Performance Camp uses a structure and format very similar to current national camps, but increases the numbers to reach more female athletes and expands the opportunities for all of the girls in the three Districts. The Camp emphasizes skill development and provides an opportunity for players to measure themselves against the best players across the three districts. Players are on the ice with College/University, Tier I, Prep School, and USA Hockey staff and personnel twice a day. There are also off-ice sessions, hockey related educational seminars, a college fair, and a visit to the USA Hockey national offices. Finally, players will be evaluated for future selection to the birth-year specific USA Hockey National Select Camps.

## 12.2 Colorado Selection Camp Staff

The Colorado Selection Camp Staff are appointed by CAHA. The CAHA Board of Directors is the approval authority for all staff at the Colorado Selection Camp. All staff members shall be registered with USA Hockey for the current season, as well as completed background screening and SafeSport training.

### A. Colorado Selection Camp Director

The Colorado Selection Camp Director (Camp Director) is appointed by the CAHA Board of Directors. The Camp Director has the overall responsibility for the Colorado Selection Camp and shall be onsite throughout the Camp. The Camp Director shall identify potential Evaluators for the Colorado Selection Camp. The Camp Director shall oversee all events, provide guidance, and implement approved policies/procedures. While the Camp Director ensures the Evaluators adhere to the approved evaluation criteria, the Camp Director shall not evaluate any goalies or players.

### B. Colorado Selection Camp Administrator

The Camp Director may utilize a Colorado Selection Camp Administrator. This position shall be reviewed and approved by the CAHA Board of Directors. The position supports the Camp Director by handling the camp registration, schedule, location procurement, equipment procurement, equipment distribution, information distribution, evaluator needs, administration, reporting and functions, field questions as needed to make the Colorado Selection Camp a success. The Camp Administrator also shall not evaluate Camp participants.

### C. Colorado Selection Camp Evaluators

1. The Camp Director shall be responsible for selecting evaluators who are unbiased and preferably located out-of-state and recommend such qualified evaluators for CAHA Board of Directors approval. Evaluators should be associated with USHL, WHL, NAHL, Division 1, 2, and 3 college teams. Coaches currently based in Colorado are not eligible to be evaluators or perform any on-ice activity at the Colorado Selection Camp.
2. The goal is to utilize 3-5 out-of-state evaluators per Boy's birth year age group and 6-8 out-of-state evaluators total for the Girls. Additionally, a total of 2-4 out-of-state evaluators will be utilized. In total, approximately 20-32 out-of-state evaluators are required to commit to participate in the Colorado Selection Camp.
3. Evaluators shall rank and select players to move on to the respective District or High Performance Regional Camps based on their performance at the Colorado Selection Camp and not their season stats. In order to ensure consistency, evaluators are required to attend all evaluation sessions for the group(s) they have been assigned to.

## 12.3 Eligibility for the Colorado Selection Camp

- A. The Colorado Selection Camp **pre-registration** is open to all age-eligible players whose parent(s) are permanent residents of Colorado. Colorado player residents born in the applicable birth years (ages 14-17) are eligible for the Colorado Selection Camp. Colorado player residents are players whose parent(s) are permanent residents of Colorado as defined in Section 4 of the CAHA Policies/Procedures. Selected pre-registrants will be invited to register for the Camp based on preliminary evaluations performed by the Camp Director, Colorado Hockey Directors, and qualified Colorado coaches. Colorado resident

player invitations shall be prioritized with nonresident out-of-state players being extended invitations on a space-available basis.

- A. Non-USA Citizens - Players must be USA citizens to advance to the District or Regional High Performance Camps. Those players who are not USA citizens, but played hockey in Colorado during the season, may be invited to participate in the Colorado Selection Camp on a space-available basis. These players must be recommended by their hockey director and shall contact the Camp Director about registering for the Colorado Selection Camp.
- B. Out-of-State Players - Out-of-state players (i.e., a billeted player whose parent(s) are permanent residence of another state) may attend the Colorado Selection Camp for evaluation purposes only. These individuals are not eligible for a Colorado slot to the next-level camps. These players are accepted on a space-available basis and may be assessed a non-resident evaluation fee. Non-Colorado residents shall contact the Camp Director about registering for the Colorado Selection Camp (see Out-of-State Players Evaluation Request section below).

#### **12.4 Age Groups/Brackets**

- A. The birth years (age groups) for the Colorado Selection Camp are based on the age groups established for the Rocky Mountain District Player Evaluation Camp, Girls-14 Multi-District High Performance Camp, and Boys Western Regional High Performance Camps each year. The numbers below are the maximum numbers for participation in the Colorado Selection Camp, not the number of goalie/players selected to move on from the Colorado Selection Camp. 'Teams' will be divided as evenly as possible but are not guaranteed to have equal numbers as it is based on the number of registrants/participants at each age bracket.
  - Boys 14U-16U Forwards – 72 per age bracket
  - Boys 14U-16U Defense – 36 per age bracket
  - Boys 14U-16U Goalies – 12 per age bracket (2/team) as selected at pre-goalie camp
  - Boys 17 Forwards – 48
  - Boys 17 Defense – 24
  - Boys 17 Goalies – 8 as selected at pre-goalie camp (evaluators may include up to 3 per group or total of 12).
  - Due to past registration numbers, the Girls will be limited to one (1) group per age bracket that will consist of a maximum of 15 Forwards and 12 Defense. Girl goalies will be determined based on the registration numbers, which may also result in mixed age groups, but each player will still be evaluated based on their birth year. Teams will be divided as evenly as possible, but are not guaranteed to have equal numbers because of uncertainty of registrants.
  - Girls Forwards – 15 per age bracket
  - Girls Defense – 12 per age bracket
  - Girls Goalies – Determined by registration numbers and may need to be selected at pre-goalie camp

#### **12.5 Colorado Selection Camp Location**

- A. The Colorado Selection Camp location will be determined by the CAHA Board of Directors. The minimum requirements shall be at least 2 sheets of ice, and private meeting rooms for evaluation meetings.
- B. The CAHA Board of Directors will accept proposal requests from facilities up to November 15th each year from any facility that meets the requirements identified above. Proposals should be submitted to the CAHA Board of Directors for review.

#### **12.6 Colorado Selection Camp Schedule**

- A. The Colorado Selection Camp is normally held between the Rocky Mountain District and USA Hockey National Tournaments. CAHA has no control over these dates, but Associations have requested that we do not hold the Colorado Selection Camp during the regular playing season as most Tier teams have a very compressed schedule.
- B. The Camp Director shall provide the CAHA Board of Directors with proposed dates no later than October 15th each year. Projected dates shall include the two (2) week days required for the Goalie Sessions and the three (3) days required for the Camp (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon).

#### **12.7 Colorado Selection Camp Fees**

- A. The Colorado Selection Camp Fees will be determined based on projected expenses and number of participants. Colorado Selection Camp fees shall include registration costs, ice times, jersey, sock, Camp equipment and administrative fees.
- B. Colorado Selection Camp fees are non-refundable. The only exception is in the case of a player injury between registration and first day of Camp. A written doctor's report must be submitted to the Camp Director. Approved refunds will be made after the conclusion of the Colorado Selection Camp, but refunds shall be the Colorado Selection Camp fee less Administrative Fees incurred as a result of the on-line registration. Refund requests are not accepted after the start of Colorado Selection Camp. The start is the first ice session of pre-goalie camp.

#### **12.8 Colorado Selection Camp Registration for Forwards/Defense**

- A. All Colorado resident players shall use the Colorado Selection Camp approved online registration system. The link for the Colorado resident online registrations and payment shall be posted to the CAHA website no later than February 15th each year.
- B. Non-US Citizens and Out-of-State players shall contact the Camp Director directly for registration instructions.

#### **12.9 Goalie Registration**

- A. The number of boys goalies who want to participate in the Colorado Selection Camp, requires that CAHA hold pre-camp goalie sessions to select the goalies who will advance to the Colorado Selection Camp.
- B. While the number of girls goalies has not always required their participation in the pre-camp goalie sessions, the same registration process as the boy goalies is used. This single process for all goalies also supports pre-camp goalie sessions for girls. A pre-goalie camp for girls goalies may be required for high registrants of girls goalies.

### 12.10 Group Assignments

- A. Group assignments for the forwards and defense are posted no later than one week after the online registration ends. Group assignments for goalies are posted as soon as the goalies selected from the pre-camp goalie sessions are provided.
- B. Requests for specific group assignments are NOT accepted.
- C. Player positions will be allocated by the position the player registered for online. Any position change requests need to be submitted to the Camp Director and will be honored on a space-available basis only.
- D. The purpose of the Colorado Selection Camp is to select players to move on to the Rocky Mountain District Player Evaluation Camp, Girls-14 Multi-District High Performance Camp and Boys-14 Western Regional High Performance Camp. Group assignments are made based on the player registration numbers for each age division, position, and player skill level. Once group assignments are made, considerable changes in the group dynamics may result from cancellations. Individuals on the wait list are assigned groups based on cancellations and once the group assignments are posted, they are not changed without prior coordination with the player and his/her parent.
- E. While evaluators like to see the players in game situations, the game outcome is not applicable to the evaluation criteria used at the Colorado Selection Camp.

### 12.11 Evaluation Criteria

- A. Players selected to move on from Colorado Selection Camp will be competing with the top ranked players from the other RMD states for selection to the National USA Hockey Select Camp. The Girl Players selected to attend the GMDC will be competing with the top ranked girls from three (3) Districts for the selection to Girls National USA Hockey Select Camps. The players selected to attend the WRC will be competing with the other top ranked players in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Districts.
- B. The selections are not based on the number of goals scored. Players will be evaluated for the position that they are registered for. The evaluators are looking for well-rounded players using the following criteria:

Forward Skating	Technique, balance, stride, posture, edge control
Backward Skating	Technique, balance, stride, posture, edge control
Skating Agility	Change of direction, stops, explosive starts, crossovers, edges, 3 steps
Shooting	Accuracy, strength, wrist shot, backhand, snap shot, slap shot, quick release
Passing	Giving/ receiving passes, forehand, backhand, accuracy, speed, soft hands
Scoring Ability	Scoring touch, rebounds, presence around the net
Ice Awareness	Game strategy, reads ice and players well, good presence
Play-Making Ability	Vision to support teammates, ability to create scoring chances, time/space use
Positional Play	Know their position, react to teammate play, react to game flow
Offensive Play	Creativity, puck support and attach, puck movement
Defensive Play	Zone coverage, teammate support, man down, back check, fore-check
Team Play	Make their teammate better players, what they do without the puck
Effectiveness	Gets most out of abilities, a gamer, can apply skills to impact game outcome
Intensity/Aggressiveness	Hustle, attack the play, battle along the boards

#### **12.12 Colorado Selection Camp Selections/Results**

- A. Players selected to move on to the RMD PEC, Boys-14 WRHPC, and Girls-14 MDHPC camps shall be posted on the CAHA website within three (3) business days after the conclusion of the Colorado Selection Camp. Posting shall include the player's Last Name, First Name, Birth Year, and Position.
- B. Colorado Selection Camp selections shall be provided to the RMD PEC, Boys-14 WRHPC, and Girls-14 MDHPC registrar(s) within three (3) business days after the conclusion of the Colorado Selection Camp in the appropriate format.
- C. All evaluation sheets and notes are turned into the Camp Director once the selections are made for each birth-year group. Time constraints do not support providing individual player evaluations.

#### **12.13 Out-of-State Players – Evaluation Requests**

Teams may have players that billet with Colorado families or have a parent that has moved to Colorado for the hockey season. Any player who is not a Colorado resident is considered an out-of-state player whether they are living with their parent or a billet family. CAHA shall work directly with the family for these requests. Players will be evaluated for their home state using the following process:

- A. The out-of-state family should contact the camp director for their home state to explain the situation and to get concurrence a player evaluation from the Colorado Selection Camp will be accepted prior to registering for their home state camp. The home state camp director shall provide email concurrence to the Colorado Selection Camp Director.
- B. The Camp Director will work with the family to register the out-of-state player for the State Camp. Depending on the registration numbers, the Camp Director will determine how the out-of-state player registration shall be completed. Colorado resident players have first priority for online registration.
- C. Camp Director shall identify the player to be evaluated on the evaluator's list(s) and the lead for that group will provide a written evaluation for that player.
- D. The Camp Director reviews/approves the written evaluation(s), which will be emailed to the director for their home state camp. A copy of the evaluation is not provided to anyone else, which includes the player, parents, coach, etc.
- E. An out-of-state player evaluation fee may be assessed.

#### **12.14 Waiver Requests – State Camp Exemptions/At-Large Requests**

- A. Player participation in the Colorado Selection camp is required for the opportunity to move on to the RMD PEC, Boys-14 WRHPC, and Girls-14 MDHPC. No exemption, waiver, or at-large requests from the Colorado Selection Camp will be considered as player participation is mandatory. Injuries may qualify for a refund if the request is made to the Camp Director at least 48 hours before the start of the Camp.
- B. Colorado resident players who play out of state may attend such state's player development camp and have an evaluation sent to the RMD Camp Director should the timeframe support such. The RMD Camp Director shall make the decision on participation in the RMD Camp. Colorado resident players shall coordinate with the out-of-state camp director and RMD Camp Director.

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