

ROCHESTER COALITION (RYH/Grizzlies)
SQUIRT/PEEWEE EMPIRE CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS

Registration on RYH Website opens Friday, March 22, 2019

Registration Fee: \$50.00

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| SQUIRT/10U: | Tue, April 9, 2019 | 6:00-7:15 PM | BGIP Rink 4 |
| | Squirt RED: | | Colin MacKenzie, Head Coach |
| | Squirt WHITE/BLUE: | | Tory Decker, Head Coach |
| PEEWEE/12U: | Tue, April 9, 2019 | 7:15-8:30 PM | BGIP Rink 4 |
| | Peewee RED: | | Peter Pouthier, Head Coach |
| | Peewee WHITE/BLUE: | | Joe Korn, Head Coach |

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO NEED TO ATTEND TRAVEL TRYOUTS ON MARCH 26-28 TO PLAY EMPIRE CONFERENCE. **ALL SQUIRT/PEEWEE EMPIRE CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS WILL OCCUR ON APRIL 9TH.** PARTICIPATION IN COALITION SPRING LEAGUE IS NOT MANDATORY FOR EMPIRE CONFERENCE PLAYERS.

Empire Conference play is competitive league hockey among the eight USA Hockey chartered organizations in and around Monroe County. It's a very fun and well-run league, with Squirt/Peewee teams playing 16 Empire league games, and culminates with playoffs and championships in February. Empire Conference participation is a great experience for players and families alike. Empire Conference teams are mixed age teams (for the 2019-20 season, Squirts are 2009-10 birth years and Peewees are 2007-08 birth years).

Empire Conference teams can be constituted at RED (most experienced/capable), WHITE (middle) and BLUE (least experienced/capable) levels. Except for RED teams, after selection and recommendation by the respective organizations, Empire Conference teams are certified at the appropriate level by the Empire Conference Board in September, prior to the league season commencing in October.

In addition, for the 2019-20 Season, the Empire Conference will again be partnering with the Snowbelt Conference to the east to create and contest the Thruway Series. Players interested in RED teams and the Thruway Series at Squirt and Peewee will be assessed during the above ice sessions. RED teams will be formed and players noticed of their selection shortly after. WHITE/BLUE teams will be initially constituted after these spring evaluations, but will not be finalized until the first couple weeks of practice in September.

RED Squirt and Peewee teams will participate in the Thruway Series against Snowbelt Conference teams also playing at RED level in their league. Combining regular Empire Conference play with the Thruway Series offers RED caliber teams the ability to enhance their number of league games, to play in an entirely separate additional competition with standings and playoffs, and to take on new and different teams in different locales.

Questions? Contact Jayme Hurwitz, Empire Conference Director (jhurwitz@hurwitzlawpc.com) or Colin Mackenzie, Assistant Empire Conference Director (colin_mackenzie@urmc.rochester.edu).