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Dear CCYHA Families

For the 2008-2009 hockey season, CCYHA is announcing that the Pee Wee House league will be split into two divisions.

The purpose of the change in league structure is to try to provide more parity for our players in terms of the level of competition in which they will play. Having players of similar skill level play together should help hockey development and provide an enhanced hockey experience for all. In making this decision, feedback from parents, coaches and others knowledgeable with the game of hockey at many levels of play were considered.

Under this new structure, there will be a 'Red' division (i.e. upper) for the more experienced/skilled House hockey players and a 'Blue' division for those House players new to the game or looking to enhance their hockey development.

Player placement will be determined during the Fall 2008 House Evaluations. The number of teams in each division will be based on the number of players in each level. As in the past, the House evaluations ARE NOT a tryout and will continue to be used to help drive parity. All players attending evaluations will be placed on a hockey team. Our Director of Hockey Operations will have final say in team make-up and may move players from one level to another if needed.

Also, to help enhance the opportunity to play more hockey teams, CCYHA will be partnering with CAHA in this tiered league approach. CCYHA and CAHA teams will be in the same league at each division and will play against each other. This will likely result in 6 to 8 teams at each division.

This is an experimental year for this approach and it will be a learning year for CCYHA. While we do expect that this will result in a positive experience for the players, we are also realistic enough to assume that as with most change, there will be some 'bumps' along the way. However, you have our commitment to work through issues that arise and strive to continue to provide hockey developmental opportunities for youth players at all levels of play.

On behalf of the Trustees and Officers, I would like to thank you for your continued support of youth hockey and CCYHA. In putting this together for 2008-2009 I would also like to thank Neil Richard, Tim Pennington at CAHA and the CCYHA Board.

Sincerely,  
Mike Rose  
President, CCYHA