



To: TAHA Youth Travel Hockey Associations  
From: Doug Ritter, TAHA Travel Section President  
RE: 2015 TAC

I am pleased to announce the Boys Texas Affiliate Camp (TAC) will be held at the Valley Ranch Dr. Pepper Starscenter March 13-15, 2015.

**TAC Objectives:**

The objective of TAC is to evaluate the Affiliate's top players at their respective position and age group (Boys: 1998, 1999, 2000, & 2001). Based upon each player's performance in a series of structured drills and scrimmages, TAC evaluators will select a limited number of players at each age group and position to represent TAHA at the Rocky Mountain District (RMD) Player Development Camp, which is scheduled for May 6-10<sup>th</sup> at the Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the 1998-2000 age groups and in June 20-25<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs for the 2001 age group. A FAQ for the RMD Camp is attached.

Similar to last year, our TAC evaluators will be experienced hockey coaches from outside the state of Texas and Oklahoma. Our goal is to improve the integrity and consistency of the player evaluation process by eliminating the natural biases that can occur when coaches are evaluating groups of players that include those from their own team and/or association.

**REGISTRATION:**

**The registration process has changed significantly this year.**

Registration will be open, by current playing level, until all the slots for a given birthyear and position are full.

The registration schedule will be as follows:

- Players currently on a Texas Tier I Roster: **February 9-11<sup>th</sup>**
- Players currently on a Texas AA (DSTHL) Roster: **February 12-14**
- Open to all Players living in the Affiliate: **February 15<sup>th</sup> until slots are full**

I will send each Association a link(s) for their players to use for registration. (Associations with teams in multiple categories will receive multiple links). Each player will follow the instructions from the link to register.

**It is critical that each Association communicate the process through your coaches and to the parents regarding this procedure.**



Please remember, TAC is intended for our top players at each birthyear. While the registration process is open, we would request that coaches speak with their players about which players fit this category. Please note that, in fairness to all those on the ice, if there are players who clearly “don’t belong” with the group they will be cut after the first skate.

**Additional Requirements:**

- All registrants must be citizens of the United States
- All registrants must have official permanent residence in the state of Texas or Oklahoma
- All registrants must be members in good financial standing of their respective Association and with USA Hockey

Additionally, please remind all potential participants that if they register for TAC, they are also committing (if selected to advance) to attend the District Level Camps (May in Salt Lake City for 1998, 1999 and 2000 Birthyears. June in Colorado Springs for 2001 Birthyear)

Registered players will receive details on the camp in early March. Cost of the camp is \$125.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions.

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