



Questions Arising from the Goaltender Information Session

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1. Can the scores and/or observations (re: strengths/weaknesses) be shared with goalies after tryouts?

As with any player release, should a player/parent request the reasons for the release, the player/parent must contact their Division Director. The Director would then consult the Evaluation Committee and request information to respond to the player.

2. Can the Raider Development Nights include much more goalie specific time/space on a regular basis?

Yes. We are always looking to improve Raider Development nights. We are somewhat limited with 50 minutes for each group and the small Merivale ice surface but we will do our best to accommodate this. We will also have some new goalie specific equipment purchased with our Raider Development funds which can be used on these nights and help with goalie development.

3. Are affiliate goalies coming to all Raider development nights?

Only the House League goalies that are affiliated with the B teams. All other goalies are involved in Raider Development Nights with their respective teams.

4. Can the NMHA goalie mentors be present at team practices in addition to Raider Development Nights on a regular basis?

Yes. Raider Development Nights are the pre-set times when our goalie mentors visit the teams, however, coaches are always able to call Greg and Grahame for additional practices where possible.

5. Do head coaches have the last say on what goalies make the teams?

The answer is YES and NO. For all divisions with combined committee tryouts, the answer is absolutely NO. The goalie mentors are heavily involved early in the process/tryout week. Their expertise is then passed onto the tryout committee and the committee, in conjunction with the head coach, will make final decisions on the ranking of the goalies. The committee combines the technical evaluations with practical game play, tryout performance,

intangibles and potential. For levels that still don't have committee tryouts, the head coach has the final say on what goalies are released. However, the association is headed in a direction where all levels will have committee tryouts.

6. The coaches never called any of our goalies up last year (to affiliate)?

The yellow listed goalie will be able to go out to practices with the higher level team without asking the coach. They are free to join in on as many practices as possible. Also, as part of our new coach agreement (that all coaches are required to sign), the coaches have to support and utilize the affiliate program. They also need to always maintain a full roster for games.