

May 11, 2007

Carmel Hockey Club Players & Parents,

We have had a productive week selecting players for our three hockey teams - Gold, Blue and (as of Saturday), White. Even though it is Spring, the players have come to tryouts in "hockey shape" which has produced generally competitive conditions for tryouts. These tryouts are being conducted by the complete Carmel Hockey Club coaching staff so that each coach can observe, assess and select the players that will achieve one common goal: to develop hockey players that will produce the most competitive hockey teams possible for Carmel High School.

Most of you are well aware that in team sports, a part of the development process involves challenging players to strive for their highest athletic potential. The result is a more cohesive, skilled, spirited and competitive team. To that end, we have previously communicated to the players during the tryout process that player movement between teams will be an option during the upcoming season. Each coach will be involved in all player movement decisions. Example - Gold / Blue players can be exchanged and Blue / White players can be exchanged.

During the Gold & Blue tryouts, the coaching staff made a decision that two days per team is simply not enough time to make final player selections. All 3 Carmel Hockey Club coaches are in 100% agreement with this in order to provide the highest player development potential and put the best teams on the ice this season. As a result, the CHS Hockey Club coaches have decided to initiate this process with tryouts, instead of waiting for the season to start.

On Thursday, May 11, a "preseason" team list will be posted on the Carmel Hockey web site for the Gold and Blue teams. For the Gold team, this list will be a revision to the one posted on May 8. The White team list will be posted on May 13. The entire list of players posted for each team will be considered as "preseason" players. Final team selections will be completed by August 15, 2007.

Each preseason team list may exceed the maximum spots allowed for each official roster. During the summer, each team will hold additional workouts to make final team selections. Each coach / team manager will communicate directly to their team.

It is important to note that every player selected on the preseason team lists is guaranteed a spot on a Carmel High School hockey team for the 2007-08 season (assuming that the player meets all academic & athletic eligibility requirements and financial obligations).

We ask everyone support this process by participating with team workouts during the summer months. More information will be communicated during the upcoming parents meeting on May 17 at the Carmel High School cafeteria.

Carmel Hockey Club Coaches,  
Jack Manard - Gold  
Keith Moe - Blue  
Jeff Gasior - White