

## Michigan Women's High School Select Team: Summer Team and National Showcase

**National Showcase Tournament:** The Michigan Women's High School Select team has been selected to represent the Michigan District of USA Hockey in a USA Hockey National High School Showcase in Pittsburgh (<a href="http://showcase.americashockeyshowcase.com">http://showcase.americashockeyshowcase.com</a>), PA from April 11-14. The team will hold open tryouts directly following the end of the high school season. There will be a short but intense training camp leading up to the tournament.

**Eligible participants (National Showcase):** The tryouts are open to all women hockey players who played in at least 75% of their high school teams (boys or girls) games in the 2012-13 season. Per tournament rules, the team of 17-20 players will be restricted to current juniors and seniors, plus up to 4 sophomores. Additionally, a maximum of 4 players from an individual high school team will be permitted to join. Finally, since this is a scouted event, no player can be committed to a college or university.

Summer Team: The sophomores and juniors of National Showcase team will automatically be rolled into the Summer Select team. There will be additional open spots for players to join the Summer team as the eligibility requirements are not as restrictive. (National Showcase players are not required to participate on the Summer team, but the juniors and sophomores are strongly encouraged to continue). The players selected for the Summer Select team will be allowed and expected to practice with the National Showcase team training camp and up to 30 players may be rolled into a single team for the Summer season. This is a large team and players will sign up for available games and or tournaments depending on their availability. The Summer team (May to August) will have at least one regular ice time each week for practice or games. The core of the team will reroster in the fall for practices, games, and a fall tournament.

**Eligible participants (Summer team):** The tryouts are open to all women hockey players entering grades 9-12 during the 2013-14 academic school year who anticipate joining a high school team for the 2013-14 season. The team will be a rostered USA Hockey team into the fall. Per USA Hockey rules, players cannot be double-rostered and therefore, may not currently be committed to a fall club team.

Team website : <a href="http://htosports.com/teams/?u=MIHS-SELECT&s=hockey&t=c">http://htosports.com/teams/?u=MIHS-SELECT&s=hockey&t=c</a>

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**Tryouts:** The staff will conduct 3 sessions which will evaluate players for both the National Showcase and the Summer team, simultaneously. The coaching staff is responsible for all selection decisions and the full roster will be posted on the team website. Prior registration for all participants is expected. The registration form is also posted on the team website. The cost of the evaluations is \$50 and covers all three sessions. Players can choose to attend as many of the session as desired. The evaluation skates are:

Saturday, March 16, 6:45 PM @ John Lindell Ice Arena, Royal Oak
Saturday, March 23, 5-7 PM@ Veterans Ice Arena, Ann Arbor
Sunday, March 24, 2:40 PM @ Compuware Arena, Plymouth

**Training Camp:** The schedule of evaluations, practices, and tournament games are all posted on the Michigan High School Select Team website. All players (including the Summer team players) are expected to participate in the National Showcase team training camp. The training camp runs from April 1 to April 8 and consists of practices and potentially a game prior to leaving for Pittsburgh.

**Tournament Logistics and details:** The team will provide transportation (bus), meals (2 per day), and hotel rooms for the players and coaching staff for the tournament. These costs have been built into the team budget.

## Costs:

Tryouts: \$50 (covers all tryouts)

Tournament player: \$575
Training camp Summer team player: \$50

Summer (May-August):\* \$350/player

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<sup>\*</sup>The Summer cost does not include any tournament fees, travel, lodging or other expenses.

## **Coaches:**

John Damrath, Head Coach- JD is a level 5 USA Hockey certified coach who has been coaching youth hockey for 14 years. Damrath coached The Ohio State University Women's Club Hockey (ACHA Div.1) from 2009 to 2012. He started the well-known Michigan Icebreakers girls hockey program in 2001 and has been an assistant coach or goalie coach to dozens of metro Detroit youth and girls teams from travel to AAA levels during this time. As a player, JD played NCAA Division 1 hockey at Ohio State.

Mike Kaput has been coaching youth hockey for the past 17 years and has been a USA Hockey Level 5 certified coach since 2001. He has coached at several USA Hockey National Camps (boys and girls) as well as having served 2 National Team Development Program (NTDP) coaching internships in Ann Arbor. Mike has coached many boys' youth teams, from Learn-to-Skate thru AAA levels in Metro Detroit and was the first boys' High School Head Coach at Plymouth High School. Mike is currently the Head Coach of the Victory Honda girls U14 Tier 1 team.

**Tim VanEckoute** has over 19 years of experience coaching hockey in Michigan and is also a USA Hockey Level 5 certified coach. Tim has coached both boys and girls high school hockey. He was the first Head Coach of the Grosse Pointe North Women's ice hockey team and retired in 2006. He had been involved with both Little Caesar hockey organizations and the MAHA girls select National Development camps.

## **Executive Committee**

Sandy Hurd, Head Coach, Ann Arbor Pioneer

Cassie Jaeckle, Head Coach, University Liggett School

Joe Provenzano, Head Coach, Grosse Pointe South

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