

Columbus (IN) Youth Hockey

Squirt Travel Team
3237 Muriel Place
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To: Buckeye Travel Hockey League, Board of Trustees

Justification for Squirt "A" level participation

Dear members of the BTHL Board,

This letter is a request for the Columbus Flames Squirt Travel team to participate in the Squirt "A" bracket of the BTHL. The Columbus Flames roster for 2002-2003 is comprised of 14 players. Eight are 1992 birth year players and six are 1993 birth year players. Since Columbus is a relatively small town, we had few players attend the try-out, and ultimately all 14 of the players that attended were added to the roster. As a result of this situation we do not have a team capable of competing at the "AA" level regardless of birth year. I have broken down the experience level of the 1992 birth year players alphabetically below to clearly illustrate our experience level:

1. Andrew Gordon – 1 Year of CYH travel hockey at Squirt level. Played in GCYHL at "A" level with 1W 10L 1T league record, 6W 30L 1T overall.
2. James Kelly - 0 years travel hockey experience. Has participated in 3 years of CYH house league.
3. Hunter Leaman – 3 years of previous travel hockey experience in Western New York. Our only legitimate player with "AA" skills.
4. Justin Madigan – 1 year of CYH travel hockey at Squirt level as a goaltender. Played in GCYHL at "A" level with 1W 10L 1T league record, 6W 30L 1T overall.
5. Nick Marlin – 1 year of CYH travel hockey at Mite level (2nd year Squirt due to birth rule change). Played last year in GCYHL at "A" Mite level with a 4W 5L 3T league record.
6. Kyle Pearson – 1 year of CYH travel hockey at Squirt level. Played in GCYHL at "A" level with 1W 10L 1T league record, 6W 30L 1T overall.
7. David Porter – 0 years travel hockey experience. Has participated in 1 year of CYH house league.
8. Louie Souza – 0 years travel hockey experience. Has participated in 3 years of CYH house league.

To summarize, even with eight 1992 birth year players, we have little collective travel hockey experience. As a result we are requesting your approval of this request to allow the 2002-2003 Columbus Flames Squirt team to participate in the BTHL "A" bracket.

Most sincerely,

Patrick Madigan
Squirt Travel Team Head Coach