



St. Joseph's Prep Ice Hockey Player Team Placement Strategy



STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

An established player team placement strategy that is consistent with the Prep Ice Hockey organization's philosophy and mission statement.

Team placement strategy considers the following for each player

- Age
- Health
- Size
- Maturity
- Academics
- Ability
- Teaming
- Personal Growth

APPROACH

The following are basic general principles to be considered but in no way be used as the rule. These principles should be used as guidelines in order to help make a decision on where a new student should begin the St. Joe's Prep Ice Hockey program.

1. An incoming freshman should always play his first year on the JV team.
 - a. Exceptions:
 - i. Player shows outstanding ability on the ice and can on his own merits make the Varsity A or AAA program.
 - ii. Player has enough physical strength and size to play A or AAA safely.
 - iii. Player has the maturity level and fortitude to be able to handle playing/teaming with older players/students on and off the ice.
2. A sophomore has the ability to play either Varsity A or AAA. He must be able to win a place on either team by demonstrating his hockey abilities on the ice and sportsmanship off the ice.
 - a. Exceptions:
 - i. New student to the program and based on lack of player history, the player will, provided they can demonstrate the ability to make the team, play their first year at the JV level.
 - (a) If a new player to the program can demonstrate enough hockey experience as well as the mental and physical maturity to be considered for Varsity A or AAA, then exceptions to above rule 1 may apply.

PLAYER EXPERIENCE

To maximize the St. Joe Prep's life experience by being safe, healthy, fun, academically focused and memorable. Whatever happens, remember that these are kids we are talking about. The vast majority will never play professional hockey and never get a full or partial scholarship to college for hockey. Find a place where your child will be happy, have fun, improve, make some friends, have a good quality coach, good rink location and times to fit your schedule, and encourage your child to try their best. Remind your child that not making a team is not the end of the world and does not mean he will never succeed.