



## ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT STREAM (DS) PROGRAMME 2016 - 2017

Development Stream (DS) is a subset of the House League Programme, offering a tryout-based, enhanced opportunity for House League players who are:

- a) Looking for a development bridge to competitive hockey or
- b) Do not wish to make the commitment, in time or cost, to competitive hockey but are seeking more competition and skill development that is afforded by house league alone.

### PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 1) DS teams may be formed in novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget divisions. The Intent to Register (ITR) fee is \$25 per team.
- 2) DS teams may only be formed from a registered OWHA House League. All players must be registered within the House League in the same division.
- 3) DS teams may only be formed if there are 2 or more teams in the same division.
- 4) DS tryouts may begin on or about November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) DS registration may commence on December 1st. Games may be played once the registration is complete.
- 6) Teams may only play 17 players in a game but may roster up to and including 25 players. Pick up players are **not permitted** for a DS team.
- 7) A DS team will not be permitted to register as a competitive team.
- 8) DS teams may participate **ONLY** in DS divisions of sanctioned tournaments.
- 9) DS teams are permitted to play a maximum of 8 exhibition games against other DS teams and attend a maximum of 3 DS tournaments each season.
- 10) Schedules of exhibition and tournament games must be received through a method determined annually by the OWHA Executive Committee prior to any games being played.
- 11) DS teams are not permitted to play in a league.
- 12) Players playing on a DS team may also fully participate on their house league team and in house league tournaments.
- 13) If a DS team is found to be in violation of requirements, the staff will be suspended and the players will be deemed to be members of the house league only. The Association is subject to losing its approval to operate DS teams for a full season.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Values of the OWHA.
- The purpose of this pilot project is to provide opportunities for players as noted in the rationale above.
- This project is designed to support house league teams and players and is to be managed accordingly.
- The onus is on the association and house league management to ensure the integrity of this project.

**NOTE re # 10:** For the 2016/2017 season, all games **MUST** be entered by your Team Statistician on ITSportsNet via the link on the OWHA web site [www.owha.on.ca](http://www.owha.on.ca). Games **MUST** be entered as soon as they are scheduled.