



### **2004 Birth Year Team Information:**

Based on the depth and success our 2004 Birth Year teams have experienced this season, our 2004 Birth Year try-out this year will include the picking of 2 teams at the end of the try-out process. Team 1 will compete at the "AAA" level, and Team 2 will compete at the "AA" level. Both teams will be announced at the end of try-outs, starting with the "AAA" team. After the acceptance of offered positions to the players who make the "AAA" team, we will immediately announce the "AA" team.

*(Information for both teams we plan to field is listed below)*

### **Hornets "AAA": 2019-20 Season Information**

Building on the success of our current 2004 U14 team which is ranked #4 in the country and heading to the USA Hockey National Tournament in South Bend, IN, we are excited to announce our plans for next season for this age group. **The 2004 Birth Year Hornets Team 1** will be designated "Tier 1" and will compete against some of the best teams in North America. This group will practice multiple times a week, Team practices will focus on the skills and team concepts to continue the development of our players as they enter a very important time in their hockey development process. The team information is as follows:

- **Head Coach** – Dave Klasnick
- **Assistant Coaches** – Winston Simmonds and Dave Hornack
- **League** - Independent AAA
  
- **Practice** – Two weeknight practices, once in a skill based shared ice session, and once on full ice as a team. In addition, weekend days where games are not scheduled practices will be held giving each player a minimum of 4 ice sessions per week.
  
- **High School Friendly** – We encourage our players to compete on their school teams if they choose. As an organization, we believe kids at this age should be afforded the opportunity to experience the fun environment High School Hockey provides, allowing them to compete for their school in front of classmates and parents.
  
- **Game Schedule** – Per the USA Hockey guidelines, a schedule of approximately 55-60 games against the highest level of competition. Game scheduling has already begun and will be published this summer to allow families the opportunity to plan accordingly for home and road games.
  
- **Tournaments** – this team will compete in several high-level tournaments including
  - Regional Silver Stick Tournament
  - CCM World Invite (Chicago, IL)
  - Mo-Town Classic (Detroit, MI)
  - Harbor Town Tournament in Buffalo, NY



- Showcase Schedule
- **Skater Season Fee** – \$2,200
- **Goalie Season Fee** - \$500
  - Note: goalies will receive a \$750 stipend for goalie instruction, instructors are at the discretion of the team and player
- **National Bound** – this team will attempt to qualify for the Mid-Am Tier “1” Tournament in the hopes of advancing to the National Championships in the Spring of 2020. This National Bound team will be a highly competitive team with the intent of competing against some of the best teams in North America.

If your player is interested in trying out for this team, we will have series of open skates that are open to all current and prospective MLHA members. Space for these is limited, and so we will hold spots based on a first come – first serve basis. The cost for these sessions is \$30, at the 2004 level we will be adding a couple of sessions to these skates (so a total of 4 sessions) and will update on the web-site and through e-mail for all of those who register.

All try-out and pre-try-out skate information is currently live on our website under the “Try-Out Tab”.

<https://www.mlhahornets.com/tryouts/>

**Important Try-out note** - all players who are trying out should plan attend the first session of the try-out process. We will then assign players specific sessions to attend after the first night. The final night (Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>) of try-outs will serve as the final “call backs” for inclusion on the teams.

### **MLHA “AA”: 2019-20 Season Information**

This team will be a Birth Year team that will compete at the AA level. The team information is as follows: Team practices will focus on the skills and team concepts to continue the development of our players as they enter a very important time in their hockey development process. The team information is as follows:

- **Head Coach** – Pete Gialames
- **Assistant Coach** – John McShane
- **League** – PAHL
- **Additional Independent Schedule** - 2004 “AA” teams
- **Practice** - this team will practice at least once on weeknights at the same time and day, the day of week will be determined this summer after all teams are picked. In addition, weekend days where games are not scheduled, practices will be held giving each player a minimum of 3 ice sessions per week. We also have additional ice early in the year that this team will have the opportunity to take advantage of as the team prepares for the season.



- **High School Friendly** – We encourage our players to compete on their school teams if they choose. As an organization, we believe kids at this age should be afforded the opportunity to experience the fun environment High School Hockey provides, allowing them to compete for their school in front of classmates and parents.
- **Game Schedule** – This team will play, per the USA Hockey guidelines, a schedule of approximately 55-60 games against PAHL league competition and “AA” teams at the 2004 Birth Year. The Independent game scheduling has already begun and will be published this summer to allow families the opportunity to plan accordingly.
- **Tournament Plans** – this team will compete in several high-level tournaments including
  - CCM World Invite AA/ AAA Division (Chicago, IL)
  - Harbor Town Tournament in Buffalo, NY
  - Regional Silver Stick Tournament
- **Player Season Fee** – \$1,800
- **Goalie Season Fee** - \$500
  - Note: goalies will receive a \$750 stipend for goalie instruction, instructors are at the discretion of the team and player

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If you have questions regarding this try-out process please contact Dave Klasnick at 412-512-5370, or via e-mail at [dklasnick@staywell.com](mailto:dklasnick@staywell.com)

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