

Hornet Families -

The below is our next installment of try-out information for the 2005 Birth Year team. The 2005 Birth Year is a high-level team with the intention of competing for the "Tier 2" National Championship. If you have questions on the provided information please reach out to David Klasnick at, dklasnick@staywell.com or via phone at 412-512-5370

2005 Birth Year Team Information:

Building on the success of our current 2004 U14 team which is currently ranked #4 in the country and heading to the USA Hockey National Tournament in South Bend, IN, our plan next year is to repeat the process with our 2005 BY Team.

This team will compete at a high level in the U14 division against some of the best teams in North America, practice multiple times a week, and focus on the development of our players as they enter into an important time in their hockey development process. The team information is as follows:

- Head Coach – Dave Klasnick
- League - PAHL - U14 AA Major
- Non-League schedule – this team will play a hybrid AA/AAA schedule during the 2019-20 season consisting of local and out of town teams
- Practice Plans - this team will practice twice on weeknights, one session will be a skills based shared ice session, and the second weeknight session will be full ice as a team. In addition, weekend days when games are not scheduled, practices will also be held giving each player a minimum of 4 ice sessions per week.
- High School Friendly – We encourage our players to compete with their school teams if they so choose. As an organization we believe at this age level kids should have the opportunity to play for their schools, getting a chance to compete in front of their friends and classmates.
- Tournaments – this team will compete in several high-level tournaments including
 - Regional Silver Stick Tournament (Dayton, OH)
 - CCM World Invite (Chicago, IL)
 - Mo-Town Classic (Detroit, MI)
 - Harbor Town Tournament in Buffalo, NY
 - The East vs West Challenge (if selected by the PAHL)
 - Other Showcase events as determined by the team once selected

U14 National Championship “National Bound” – this team will also compete in the Mid-Am / PA State Tournament in the hopes of advancing to the “Tier 2” 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.

All sign up information can be found on our website <https://www.mlhahornets.com/> under the try-out tab.

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