



TRYOUT WEEK BEGINS MONDAY 3/23

Rebel Tryouts for the 2015-2016 begin Monday 3/23 at Dix Hills Ice Arena.

This is the time of year that all kinds of rumors are started and spread so we have posted this to provide you with the most accurate information so players and parents can make an informed decision that best fits their objectives.

At the PW level and up, the Rebel organization offers a birth year, Major/Minor format. First year players entering the USA age classification are minors, second year players are majors. We believe that this structure provides the best opportunity for the development of a player and a team. The basic principle is simple, players will be at the same physical and age level as their team mates allowing them to develop skill wise and social wise at the same pace. There is less movement among players as the team typically "moves" to the major level from the minor year, providing better team development and "bonding". Second year teams are given the edge when they compete for state championships as they are all physical at the upper age of the classification. All T1 organizations utilize this approach, they have a Major Tournament Bound team (eligible for the "states") and a Minor Non-Tournament Bound team (cannot compete in state or district tournaments).

The Leagues we compete in as the Rebels organization are well respected, well established leagues-

Our primary league is the LIAHL (Long Island Amateur Hockey League- www.liahl.com) and our supplemental league is the EJEPL -(Eastern Junior Elite Prospects League - www.EJEPL.com) Please click on the links and visit these web pages.

As required by LIAHL, our major teams will compete in the LIAHL Tournament bound AA division and minor teams compete in the non tournament bound A division. This is a league requirement for all organizations that all organizations fielding a "second team" shall compete the second team in the A division. (The exception is T1 as they must place their 3rd team in the A division - (T1 has a Major division and a minor division so any additional team after the minor team MUST play in the A division)). Any exception to this rule MUST be voted on by league members at the June schedulers meeting. Be wary if organizations are advertising they are playing out of the LIAHL rules as, except in very rare occasion, the placement of teams in the LIAHL divisions is normally adhered to. Ask simple questions- Is the team tournament bound in NYSAHA - if the answer is no, and they are not the declared minor team (T1 only) then they will be competing in LIAHL Division A.

When looking at leagues check the web pages. We choose the the EJEPL because it is a well established, well run league. It offers many of the top AAA and AA organizations across the united states. Standings, age brackets, schedules etc are easily accessible which is a good indicator it is a legitimate league. This league as a supplement to the LIAHL offers the best birth year teams allowing physically balanced, top level competition at EVERY birth year.

Moving from one organization to another is regulated by LIAHL rules and only 2 players from any age classification can move to one team. Please read the parent acknowledgement form carefully as the Rebels adhere to the rules of LIAHL. Organizations may tell you to go back to your organization and get a wavier to allow for more then two player movement but that is not permitted by LIAHL and not something the Rebels would ask.

Finally - The Rebels as an organization have the utmost respect for our players and coaching staff. As such we do not officially announce coaching assignments until our teams complete the season (playoffs,states or nationals) 3/21 marks the completion of our season and we are extremely proud to announce the following coaching assignments for the 2015-2016 season.

Mites:	Dennis McGovern, John McLaughlin, Oliva Kennedy
Squirt Minor:	Kevin Young, Andrew Veglucci
Squirt Major:	Mike Porcello
PW Minor:	Greg Cartwright
PW Major:	James Chang, Ron Winicki
Bantam Minor:	Ken Uher
Bantam Major:	Rich McGuigen
M16 A:	Frank De'Isola
M16 AA:	Roland Buzard, Vinny Mannelta
M18 AA:	Dan Talia

Good Luck to all and most important have fun!!!!