



DS (Development Stream) Program FAQ

Definition: DS stands for House League **Development Stream** (DS) Division

Why DS?

- This division provides House league (HL) players the opportunity to play against DS teams from other associations either in Exhibition games or DS tournaments.
- The skill level of DS is between HL and Rep (Competitive).
- DS provides a player and her family the opportunity to play at a higher level without the commitment of our Rep program.
- It also provides players and families an idea of what the Rep Program is all about if they decide to pursue a higher level than DS in future years.

What teams will the FGHA be fielding this coming season?

- It is the FGHA's intention to support DS teams in Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels. (Based on interest and having multiple teams within the given division)

When is the DS "Season"?

- Tryouts will start on or about November 1, 2015, but the exact date will be confirmed by the OWHA on an annual basis
- Games & tournaments can begin on or about December 1, 2015, but the exact date will be confirmed by the OWHA on an annual basis
- Games & tournaments can end no later than Easter Weekend

How much Ice Time will DS teams have?

DS teams are permitted to play a maximum of:

- 8 exhibition games against other DS teams
- 3 DS tournaments
- Practice ice will be at the discretion of the coach and based on availability of ice

Who is eligible to play DS?

- Any House league player registered with a House League team in the FGHA
- Teams are made up of players registered on a HL team who have been selected from the tryout process for each age group.
- Players playing on a DS team may fully participate on their house league team and in house league tournaments

How can I be part of one of the teams?

- Each House league player is welcomed to try out for the team in their age group.
- There is a cost to cover the ice for each tryout that your player attends. (see below)
- These fees will be collected at the door upon registration.
- Each coach will evaluate the players and will pick a team from the players who attend.

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Does it cost extra?

- There is an additional cost to play on a DS Team.
- Each coach will have a Seasonal plan/budget for your review.
- Budgets for all teams will be transparent and presented to all players families who make the team. All budgets are submitted to the FGHA for review.
- The cost could range from \$300 and up depending on how extensive or conservative the program for that particular team may be and what is included in the budget.
 - (Ice costs, jerseys, tournament fees, apparel, admin fees and any additional development that the team staff may decide is necessary.)

When would we play?

- Games could be on week days and/or on the weekends.
- There may be times when a DS player is on the ice twice in one day due to timing of HL games / practices and DS games / practices.
- Ice scheduling will be coordinated to minimize conflicts.

How much travel is involved?

- There may be some travel depending on where the 8 exhibition games and 3 tournaments are.
- The coaching staff will determine where the team plays their away games and tournaments.
- Home games will be at one of our traditional local arenas