

# Kenmore West Boys Hockey Selection Process

Selecting student athletes to represent the boys' hockey team is a difficult process as players are re-evaluated each and every year. The job of the coaching staff is to select the BEST TEAM in order to help the team be successful. To be considered to be a member of the Kenmore West boys' hockey team prospective players will be chosen based on the following criteria: academic standing, skill level, and attitude.

## Academic Standing:

The coaching staff emphasizes that our players are student's first, athletes second. We do take grades into consideration when selecting team members. Members of the boys' hockey team must be in good academic standing as per Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD extra-curricular activity requirements. That requirement means an athlete needs to be passing 4 classes plus PE to be eligible. **It is the coaching staff's discretion to take or not take a player on the team who is in danger of being academically ineligible.**

## Attitude/Behavior:

The coaching staff impresses upon our players that we want student-athletes who are willing to learn but who also will demonstrate good sportsmanship as well as respect for teachers, all school support staff members, coaches, and opposing team members. Candidates should be in good standing behaviorally in school and show that they can follow the rules at Kenmore West. **It is the coaching staff's right not to select an individual with extensive school behavioral referrals or in or out of school suspensions.** Team members should have the ability to accept coaching guidance. Also they should be a positive and supportive team member. **THE TEAM'S SUCCESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL GOALS.**

## Skill Level:

Talent and skill are obvious considerations. The coaching staff is looking for players with hockey aptitude in order to effectively grasp and perform the game systems that are introduced by the coaching staff during practices. Players who display hockey aptitude as well as outstanding ability in the skills of skating, passing, and shooting garner serious consideration for a spot on the roster. Each player will be rated out of 4 in the following categories:

- **Skating ability** (How are you on your edges? How quick can you transition from forward to backwards? Can you make tight turns both ways? Can you cross over both forward and backwards?)
- **Puck control** (How do you handle the puck when it is on your stick and when you are skating?)
- **Passing-Making & Receiving** (Can you pass the puck with accuracy? Are your feet moving when you make a pass? Can you catch a pass on your backhand?)
- **Shooting** (Can you shoot the puck with accuracy and power?)

## Your Role:

Hockey is a team sport. It takes six players doing their individual jobs on the ice in order to be successful. Each player's role will be determined by the coaching staff based on what is best for team achievement.

Best of luck in the selection process.

Coach Roszak and the Kenmore West Varsity Coaching Staff

I agree to the above conditions,

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