

### ODL parents meeting

1. Boys that are part of the ODL will practice with the Squirts all season.
2. Girls that are part of the ODL will practice with the 10U girl's team all season.
3. We will have a lot of games on the days the kids don't have school. Usually weekdays when the kids are out of school for holidays. Your player should be at all ODL games. If it says "ODL 9-noon" on the practice schedule, your player will be playing the entire three hours. We run 2 cross-ice games that have two, twenty five minute run time halves. We play either 3 on 3 or 4 on 4. we will hit the buzzer every minute or so for a line change. Everybody gets the same amount of ice time.
4. Picture day- the coaches will give every player a picture envelope for picture night. They MUST bring the completed envelope to picture night. I will give all the ODL players an Outlaws travel team jersey to use for their photos that night. We will have a team picture with all of the kids who are just signed up for the ODL and our DHC coaches. After their photo's, they will return the travel team jersey to me.
5. Your players will get practice jerseys and ODL game jerseys. They should wear their practice jerseys to every practice and their ODL game jerseys to every game day. Both of these jerseys need to be turned in at the end of the year and are part of the \$150 deposit check you turned in for equipment check-out.
6. Get your player to as many "Open Skates", outdoor rink, pond, lake or river so they can work on their skating. The more their on their skates, the better they will get and the better they get, the more fun they will have.
7. Please let me know if you need anything. Dave Hanneman  
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## **The "Outlaw Development League" established 2009**

In the fall of 2009 we had five boys who wanted to join our club that were Peewee age players and first year skaters. We were very concerned about finding a place for these players to fit in where they could develop and build confidence before placing them on a travel team. The Dickinson Hockey Club had only one Peewee team. That team played in the NDAHA Peewee "A" League. We felt it was important not to put these five players at risk of serious injury due to the physical play that is associated with Peewee "A" hockey. We also did not want these first year players parents to have deal with the costs of travel associated with the Peewee "A" schedule. At that time I created an in-house league that we called the "Outlaw Development League". This league would be comprised of these five new players, plus all of our Squirts and all of our first year Peewee's. This gave us enough players for three teams. The Hockey Club contacted local businesses who were willing to sponsor these teams. The Club purchased jerseys for each sponsor.

This league gives our non-travel players a chance to play in competitive games. With the creation of this in-house league in 2009, we have grown from five non-travel players in

2009-10 to 20 non-travel players in 2010-11. We also decided to invite our 12U girls players to join the ODL in 2010-11. With the addition of 15 more non-travel players and our 12U girls, we now have enough players for 4 teams. We are hoping that our Outlaw Developmental League growth continues and we are able to add more teams each year.

Let me explain the concept of this league in more detail. We have game days as well as practices. All of our non-travel boys practice with our Squirts and our non-travel girls practice with our girls 12U all year. The Club has asked our High School boys and girls to give back to the club by refereeing or being an off-ice official for the ODL game days. All of the coaches at every level in our Club are willing to give of their time as well. They are taking turns coaching each team at different times during the year. This has allowed the ODL players to experience coaching from many viewpoints. Their games are played 3 on 3 cross-ice with two games going on at once and all four of our teams are able to compete at the same time. There is a faceoff between the hash marks in the slot to start the game. That is the only face-off for the game. The buzzer sounds every minute for the skaters to change with their teammates who are waiting outside the blue line. After a goal is scored, the scoring team retreats to where the initial face-off was to start the game and the other team removes the puck from the net and starts the play. This keeps the game moving continuously. The Outlaw Development League has a NO-CHECKING policy, so the players can focus on skill development. Each game is 35 minutes run time and we have the ice for two hours so we can have all the teams play each other on each ODL day. Music is played during the games so the players need to be very vocal to communicate to their teammates when they "play off the puck". When penalties are called, the players take a penalty shot. At the end of the 2010-11 season, we had an O.D.L Championship tournament. The games were very intense, and the players had enjoyed the day. We have received very positive comments from not only the players, but the parents as well.