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HOW DO I ACHIEVE MY HOCKEY DREAM?



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How do I achieve my dream?

Typical Questions:

- How important are academics?
- What is best for me?
- How do I get noticed?
- If I am a good player, will they find me?
- What role should my coach play?
- What is my best route to college hockey? Is there more than one?
- Is there typical route to the NHL

Typical Routes to College Hockey:

- Prep School – (72 boys & 56 girls programs +/-)
- USA Hockey & Canadian Junior Hockey – (top 6% ages 15 to 20)
77,000 U.S. & 183,000 Canadian
- Public High School - sanctioned
- USA Hockey Midget Tier 1 (ages 18 & under)

181 NCAA College Hockey programs

SAT Scores – (Verbal + Math only)	Number of Schools you Qualify for	
1400 +	181	ACT 34 +
1200 to 1299	153	
1100 to 1199	115	
1000 to 1099	75	
900 to 999	17	ACT 17 - 20

If you need academic reinforcement or rehabilitation, perhaps you should consider Prep or Post Graduate School.

Note Quality Points from Core Courses added to ACT. The lower your QP the higher your test scores need to be.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING YOUR ROUTE TO COLLEGE HOCKEY

- Academic Impact – NCAA eligibility
- Reputation of the Program – History
- Recruiting foot print
- Location – you should visit before committing
- Cost – Direct & Indirect
- Be Realistic – play or watch
- Are they ***really*** interested in you?
- Social Aspects
- Coach

Beware Major Junior will impact NCAA eligibility

What You Need To Know about Major Junior

- Playing 1 game of Major Junior makes you ineligible for one year...*exhibitions* are included in this rule.
- If you go to a Major Junior Camp...you can stay only 48 hours on their dime.
- Goalies...dressing is playing
- Signing a contract with an agent makes you ineligible

NCAA Players 2006-2007 – Male Players

Where did they come from?

Program	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Total
NEPSAC & PS	282	85	490	857
NAHL – Jr II	251	1	187	439
USHL – Jr I	343	0	30	373
EJHL – Jr III	142	22	184	348
High School	24	35	254	313
OPJHL – Ont II	98	1	132	231
BCHL- BC II	171	0	54	225
AJHL – Alb II	91	0	22	113
CJHL – Ont II	48	1	39	88
AtJHL – Jr III	9	11	53	73
ACHA Transfer	4	0	4	8

This represents ~ 82.23 % of
3,731 players on NCAA

NCAA Players 2006-2007 – Female Freshman

Where did they come from?

Program	Division 1	Division 3	Total
U.S. Prep & Private Schools	60	86	146
USA Hockey Associations – Tier 1	48	91	139
Canadian Hockey Associations	47	22	69
U.S. Public High Schools	39	112	151
Canadian Prep & Private	13	12	25
Europe	10	0	10
Canadian Public High schools	4	2	6
	This represents ~ 60 % of 553 total freshman on NCAA rosters		

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE COACH

- Academics - note for every *Athletic* Scholarship \$
there are 12 *Academic* scholarship \$s
- Passion & Purpose – “Hungry Spirit”
- Mental Toughness & Discipline
- Training – Nutrition – Strength
- Practice habits – “coach-ability”
- Respect
- Skills
- Hockey Sense
- Team Player – accept your role
- ***Character Counts***



WHY COLLEGE HOCKEY?

- The Stability
- The Development Model
 - Practice vs. game
 - Off ice training / development
 - Coaching staff
 - Facilities
 - NHL / Europe / USA
- Social Experience
- Education...College Degree ... Identifies the door of Opportunity \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Life long friendships...Network



NCAA COLLEGE HOCKEY

Division 1 – 59 Men & 34 Women Programs

- 1,649 males (1/300 ~ 0.33%) & 782 females (1/8 ~ 12.0%)
- Top **380** male players in a given year (18 to 21)
- HEA, ECACHL, AHA, CHA, WCHA, CCHA
- 18 full scholarships per team – maximum (1/450 -0.22%)
~190 new scholarships each year
- Operating budgets \$1.3 MM to \$350 K – average \$575 K
- Must go through ***NCAA Clearing House***
- 7 contacts / evaluations – Sr. year (5 official visits)
- Can receive materials after September 1 – Junior year
- 34 games per year
- 30 players on roster ~ 65% males & 62% females U.S. Citizens
- Full time professional coaching
- NCAA National Championship

NCAA COLLEGE HOCKEY

Division 2 – 7 Men & 2 Women programs

- 202 males & 48 females
- ECAC, Northeast 10, IND
- 13.5 full male scholarships & 18 full female scholarships per team
- Top 300 male players in a given year (18-21) (680)
- Must go through **NCAA Clearing House**
- Contact June 15 before beginning of senior year
- 5 official visits
- 30 games per year
- 22 to 25 players on roster
- Full time professional coaching
- Similar to Division 1 - but no NCAA National Champion

NCAA COLLEGE HOCKEY

Division 3 – 70 Men & 50 Women programs

- 2,106 males & 1978 females
- NESCAC, MIAC, ECAC, SUNYAC, NCHA, IND
- No athletic scholarships
- Operating budget average \$250 K
- Top 600 USA male players in given year (18-21)
(1280)
- Official visits – only one per school
- Unlimited contacts
- One expense paid official visit
- Very large recruiting class ~~~ 75
- 28 games per season
- 30 to 35 players on roster
- Full time professional coaching
- NCAA National Championship

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NJCAA – Junior College – 9 men programs

- 240 players +/-
- 25 to 30 players on roster
- 16 scholarships per team – lower tuitions
- Open recruiting
- National Champion
- Tier 1 Midgets and most Tier 2 Midgets can play at this level

NCAA COLLEGE HOCKEY

ACHA – Non Varsity College Hockey

- Since 1991
- Division 1 -- 50 men & 32 women programs
- Division 2 – 146 men & 9 women programs
- Division 3 – 132 men programs
- 25 to 30 players on playing roster
- Part-time coaching staff - varies
- Members of USA Hockey – 501 c 3
- Standard college admission process
- Tuition based \$\$ varies from program to program
- ACHA / NCAA National Championship
- National Team – World University games
- Tier II Midgets can play at this level (1 /10 ~ 10%)

Making It to the NHL

- Roughly 50% of NHL first round selections make it to the NHL.
- 15% of the second round plays in the NHL
- 5% of the rest of the draft will eventually make it on a NHL roster.
- 16% of the players in the NHL are undrafted



NHL Draft... Where is it heading?

- 1996 Draft.....2 NCAA 1st round picks
- 2001 Draft.....4 NCAA 1st round picks
- 2006 Draft.....18 NCAA Picks (13 USA)
10 USA in 1st round
59 USA overall
- *2007 Draft.....7 NCAA Picks (USA)*
10 USA in 1st Round
62 USA overall

Some Interesting Comments

- “US schools are producing some of the pro game’s most important contributors.” **Vince McConeghy –USCHO.Com**
- “We have always looked at college hockey as a major source of talent for our organization.... There are an awful lot of guys in the NHL now because they went Division 1.” **David McNabb, Anaheim Ducks Assistant GM**

The Hockey News...

“Back in the 1970’s (major) junior hockey was the way to go...but if I were a teenager hell-bent on becoming a pro hockey player the decision to play (major) junior would not be as automatic as it once was...(in fact) the Hockey News NHL player poll indicated that they would opt for the college route over the junior route.” **Hockey News April 3, 2007**

The Hockey News NHL player poll - 2007

- NCAA College route ** 52%
- Major Junior ** 38%
- Europe 10%

**** This includes USA, CAHA & Europe**

Academics



A ten year study recently completed...

- **16%** of CHL(major junior) alumni have earned a college degree
- **84%** of NCAA alumni have earned a college degree

KEYS TO GETTING NOTICED - SUMMARY

- Be academically attractive
- Select a good skill development program
- Select a program with a history of moving players to the next level.
- Target recruiting area(s)
- Your **coach** must be your strongest advocate
- Alumni speak on your behalf
- Participate in USAH District & National Tournaments
- Participate in USAH District & National Camps
- Pick commercial camps carefully – skill vs. games, staff and record of alumni
- Give your best at all times – you never know who is watching

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self and the world makes you king for a day, then go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your parents, brother or friends whose judgment you must pass; the person whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back in the glass.

You can go down the pathway of years receiving pats on the back as you pass; but your final reward will be heartaches and tears if you cheated that guy in the glass.

Achieve the Dream – Remember the Name

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THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK!