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THE CHICAGO YOUNG AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB AND HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCE UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Hoffman Estates, April 26, 2008 - Two prestigious programs have joined forces to create a high level hockey development program for all passionate hockey players in Illinois. Initially, the predominant Hoffman Estates Park District focus will be on the girl's entity. The partnership combines the nationally respected Chicago Young Americans TIER I program with the superb development format and endless assets of the Hoffman Estates Park District. CYA owner Louis Puig is excited that he now will be able to utilize the highly successful Sumo System of training (starting focus on skating component perfection) from the grassroots to adult.

Puig states "We have always depended on other programs to develop our players. Now we have the platform that encourages players to start as a CYA learn to play participant and continue as a member until they go off to Junior, College and Pro Hockey. The proven specialized Sumo skill training system that features sophisticated skating technique training and combines testing for goal setting motivation at the park district (one of the most vibrant in the country) and our highly respected hockey directors Dave Maciuk and Bruce Turpin give every keen hockey player the path to reach their hockey dreams. The Hoffman Estates Park District facility is ideally located for the many players that may have wanted to join our organization, but lived too far away to make it feasible".

Hoffman Estates Park District Assistant Manager Ice Operations & Hockey Coordinator Randy Jordan is thrilled this opportunity came about. "It is refreshing to see a AAA Club playing at the highest levels in the country interested in both supporting, growing and developing from the grassroots, but also remaining focused on reinforcing and teaching perfect skill execution, giving every player the chance to excel as individual players in addition to team success. We feel our Sumo System of skill development will be the extra touch a dedicated player needs to go to the next levels"

Initially, Hoffman Estates will primarily focus on the college prep ages U16 and U19 and adult women's. All other teams will be periodically featured out of the Heartland Lincolnwood, Lake Forest Academy and Hoffman Estates Park District

CYA GIRLS TIER I (AAA) Tryouts officially start May 15th. Please check www.cyahockey.com or www.heparks.org for times and dates.