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We are happy to announce some changes to the New England District Player Development events for 2016. These changes are the results of evaluating different development systems used by both our neighboring districts as well as the recommendations of the National Development Staff in Colorado Springs. Below are some key changes taking affect for this season.

Greater focus on camps and player development: Our focus will be less on games and more on taking the opportunity to provide high-level coaching via camp style events and a continued focus on our development camps. This means the game format of the festival is being transitioned out.

Phase out youngest ages: Boys Select 12's have not been part of the camps and with the focus on camps we are phasing out Select 12's for boys and girls. We believe there are better local options for this age group. In 2017 Select 13's will also be phased out.

Date Moves: The festival weekend has become a delicate balance with all of the USA Hockey and District tournaments in that time frame; in order to mitigate other hockey conflicts we have done what our neighboring districts have done and moved the Evaluation Camp (formerly festival) to May.

The May Evaluation Camp will be for Boys S17, Girls U15 and Girls U17, Selections to National Camps will take place during this event.

The Summer Development Camps will be for roughly the same ages as 2015 (13's and older), however the camp format (particularly the girls) will be evolving based on National recommendations.

The District will continue to hold tryouts for U17 and U15 girls in Hookset, NH in November, and Affiliates will continue to hold player tryouts for S13 girls and S13-S17 boys for the NED Summer camps or the May Evaluation Camps. Except for S17 boys, determinations for boys National Camp spots will continue to take place at the summer boys camps (as in 2015).

