

DPL ICE HOCKEY LOOKING TO START NEW DIVISION



The DPL has a great reputation for having competitive hockey for all levels. Keeping the league competitive, fun and fair for all is the DPL's primary mission. And with each new season, new ideas about league come into play. Concerns about the league size and modus are always of paramount concern, as the size of the league drives the modus for each season.

Last season was a pivotal season for the DPL Ice hockey program as three divisions were formed. Three divisions of eight teams fit perfectly for the league and allowed for teams to move up and down in the league based upon season performance. This was the perfect modus for the teams and the league as a whole.

The DPL and it's success over the years has resulted in an overall growth of 600 percent (including both Ice and Inline). Much of the league's expansion was a result of the introduction of the DPL inline league established in 2007. Now with 16 teams, Inline has become a major focus for the DPL as both leagues are becoming ever so similar in so many ways. Besides the fact that the modus for leagues is similar, we are finding that more and more of the Ice hockey players are moving into Inline hockey, and more and more Inline hockey players are expressing an interest in Ice hockey.

For the 2010/2011 Ice hockey season, the DPL is looking to expand and introduce a new fourth division. The fourth division is being created for those teams that are either new to ice hockey, or have limited experience. Currently, we have 2-3 teams interested to form this new division. The DPL is now looking for 2 to 3 more teams to join and help establish the new division.

Last year, the DPL Inline league introduced a new division - Division II. The reason it was created was to allow those weaker teams a chance to play competitive hockey. Now with eight teams in Division II, so many players are happy that they can play inline hockey and not worry about getting beat in the double digits. Being relatively competitive makes the sport so much more enjoyable.

So, now with the newly formed DPL Ice hockey fourth division, many of the Inline players can have an opportunity to play competitive ice hockey at a level comfortable with them. This is the perfect opportunity so many Inline players have been asking about - a chance to play ice hockey in addition to their inline.

If you are interested to either form a new team, or would like to get on a fourth division team, please contact **Michael Henkes** (michaelhenkes@web.de). Further information about the new division and teams can be read about in the **DPL Community**. The deadline for new DPL division IV teams is **5 September**, so if you are interested to play this season, contact Michael as soon as possible.