



*TEAM COMCAST*



*SQUIRT PATRIOT*

**Open Tryouts: April 8, 9, 10**

**Birth Years: Team comprised of 2003's and two 2002's**

The AYHL's Tier I "AAA" **Squirt Patriot Division** is a new USA Hockey ADM-approved full-ice option for players born in 2003 (plus two players born in 2002) whose skill development is such that the player is ready for Squirt-level training and full-ice games against the best competition in the appropriate age group. By "playing up" in the traditional sense, players are unnecessarily forced to compete against bigger, stronger kids up to three years older and, as a result, their skill development can suffer. Many parents of dedicated 2003 birth-year players (and some select 2002 birth-year players) thought they would have to play at the traditional squirt level, which includes players up to three years older, in order to play full-ice and achieve the requisite level of competition. This misconception is no longer the case, as the AYHL's new Squirt Patriot Division is a sensible and beneficial alternative to this old "playing up" pitfall. Under the AYHL's Tier I guidelines of birth-year-based competition, this level will provide the ultimate developmental experience for our 8U players, as we maximize the amount of on-ice practices and conduct a truly first-class program.

Team Comcast Squirt Patriot, a Tier I team playing in the AYHL, represents the ultimate opportunity for those birth year 2003's (and two birth year 2002's) who desire to continue to develop as young hockey players at the top youth hockey level available in a full-ice format. Meanwhile, it should be noted that not only is it still uncertain in many respects as to which Tier II programs will have Squirt Patriot teams and what skill level and experience those teams will possess, but also at least one Tier II league is reserving the right to revert 2003 Squirt ADM teams to the mite ADM program if after the Jamboree the evaluation committee determines the team is not ready to participate in a full ice program.

All Team Comcast teams have a highly qualified coaching staff on the ice for all practices. In addition to many years experience at the youth level, many of our coaches also have experience coaching and/or playing at the NHL, Division I & III collegiate, Prep School and Junior Hockey levels. An added bonus is the not uncommon presence of current and former Philadelphia Flyers, including, but not limited to, Keith Primeau, Danny Briere, and Derian Hatcher, all of whom have their own children playing for Team Comcast at various age levels.

While focusing their efforts on developing the youth hockey player, our coaches also have the proper perspective required to develop not only elite hockey players, but also solid citizens. Team Comcast prides itself on total player development – both on and off the ice, while maximizing exposure for our players to higher levels of hockey. While accomplishing these goals,

we have helped our players to succeed in following their dreams to play Division I, III, and ACHA college hockey.

**Squirt Patriot Coaching Staff:**

Head Coach: Vincent Borgesi

Assistant Coach: Bernie Centrella

Skating Coach: Philadelphia Flyers Skating Coach Slava Kouznetsov

**\*Team Fee Includes:**

- + Free Spring & Summer ice for all teams (May-August)
- + 4-Day Pre-Season Training Camp (August)
- + Approximately 72 on-ice practices
- + Off-Ice Strength and Flexibility Training with our coaching staff
- + Power Skating sessions with Philadelphia Flyers Skating Coach Slava Kouznetsov
- + 25 official games that are geographically friendly (September-March)
- + Ninety-minute game slots
- + Participation in 2 Tournaments (September-March)

**\*Additional Benefits of Playing for Team Comcast Tier I Squirt Patriot:**

**Rapid Shot**

~One free hour (up to 800 shots) of shooting time on state-of-the-art Shooting Accuracy Training Program

**Team Comcast “Pipeline”**

~Become acquainted with the commitment to excellence that is Team Comcast at the ground floor

**Tier I “AAA”Competition-level**

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**Exposure**

~We also work with each of our teams to determine the most strategic approach to exposure for their age group. Our staff continues to seek out the most challenging and competitive events at each birth year, which has included some very high profile tournaments.

**Team Comcast Skating Coach: Slava Kouznetsov**

~Philadelphia Flyers Skating Coach Slava Kouznetsov works with all of our teams every week throughout the season.

**\*Team Comcast Tier I Squirt Patriot Participation Fee: \$ 1,925**

~Truly a GREAT Value – Tier I development, competition, and exposure!

**WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THIS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY - PLEASE FILL OUT THE TRYOUT APPLICATION AND COME TO THE TEAM COMCAST SQUIRT PATRIOT TIER I TRYOUTS ON APRIL 8, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.!!!**

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