

Hockey Canada announces line-up for Junior team selection camp

With less than two months left until the puck drops in the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship, Hockey Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Hockey League has announced a roster of 46 players who have earned an invitation to the National Junior Team Sport Chek Selection Camp.

The camp will take place in Red Deer, Alberta from November 16 to December 13.

The roster selection was made by hockey executives with input from various high-level coaches across the country.

The players include five goaltenders, 15 defencemen, and 26 forwards. They will compete for a chance to represent Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship.

The Championship will be held from December 25 to January 5, in Edmonton.

Among the 46 players are six returning players who won gold at the 2020 World Juniors.

That list includes Quinton Byfield of Newmarket, Bowen Byram, Cranbrook, B.C., Dylan Cozens, Whitehorse, YT, Jamie Drysdale, Toronto, Connor McMichael, Ajax, and Dawson Mercer, Bay Roberts, N.L.

“Although this has been a difficult year for our athletes and staff, we are excited to unveil the 46 players who will compete for a spot on Canada's National Junior Team at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship,” said Scott Salmond, Senior Vice President of National Teams for Hockey Canada. “We know our athletes are excited for the opportunity to defend gold on home ice this year, and we expect a highly competitive selection camp with a number of difficult decisions to be made when it comes time to select the players who will wear the Maple Leaf in Edmonton in December.”

The selection camp will include practices and three intra-squad games as well as six games against a team of U SPORTS all-stars between November 28, and December 13.

The camp will take place in a cohort bubble and will be closed to the public and media.

The 2021 IIHF world Junior Championship will begin on Christmas Day with three games before Canada kicks off its tournament schedule on December 26, against Germany.

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