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## 2010 Male Under 17 Provincial Development Camp

BC Hockey announced May 28, 2010 the 54 players selected to attend the 2010 Male Under 17 Provincial Development Camp in Salmon Arm, July 20-24, 2010. The five (5) day camp will provide each player an opportunity to train and prepare for possible selection to Team Pacific and future national teams.

### Provincial Camp Invitees

"I am truly honoured to be selected for the head coach position of Team Pacific. I'm looking forward to working with the rest of the staff and evaluators in picking the best players that fit into being the best team possible," said Team Pacific head coach Robert Dirk. "As a coach, I'm extremely excited to be working with and coaching some of the best players in their age group not only from BC and Alberta, but from across Canada."

The objectives of this year's camp are to one (1) evaluate and train BC's top 16 year old athletes in preparation for the challenges of high performance hockey, both at the national and international level, and two (2) to short list 21 players for potential participation with Team Pacific at the 2011 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge. Of the 21 short listed players, 11 will be selected November 15 to join 11 players from Alberta, forming Team Pacific 2011.

The Provincial Camp represents the third stage of the BC Hockey Male High Performance Program. It is designed to identify and train BC's top players born in 1994 for Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence. These players have successfully performed in the two (2) previous stages of the BC Hockey Male High Performance Program (U17 District Camp and the U17 BC Cup).

BC Hockey is currently reviewing the Male U17 program structure and is working with Hockey Alberta on the development of a Regional Camp. Any changes that are made to the Male U17 high performance program will not be implemented until the 2010-2011 season.

The BC Hockey U17 Male High Performance Program is the first stage in Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence. The objective of this program is to introduce players and coaches to world international style competition and IIHF playing rules. This program assists with the identification and training of players and coaches for the National Under 18 Team, the National Junior Team and the Canadian Olympic Team.

For more information about the High Performance program, please visit the BC Hockey website at [www.bchockey.net](http://www.bchockey.net) or email [highperformance@bchockey.net](mailto:highperformance@bchockey.net).