



Try-Out #s

On the first night of tryouts, your player will be issued a try-out number. They will need this # for all nights of try-outs. Please encourage your player to keep the # on their jersey or to pin it in a safe place for other nights.

Travel Program Equipment Policy

All Travel players will be required to have a Black Helmet, Mostly Black Breezers and Mostly Black Gloves. All Players will need to be in compliance by their first game.

ESTIMATED Travel Budgets

Travel Budgets will be finalized after rosters are filled and tournament schedules are closer to being completed. Travel budgets will be determined based upon the number of friendship games scheduled, # of players on the team, the tournaments selected, additional practices scheduled, whether practices are full ice or 1/2 ice and other team expenses at the coaches' discretion. Last year's Travel budgets were generally around \$700 over the cost of the House program...however this can vary widely from team to team. Each coach will work with the Treasurer and Travel Director to finalize their budget. The final amount and the supplemental payment plan will be discussed with families at a team meeting at the beginning of the season. Please remember all travel expenses (including hotels, gas and meals) are NOT included in the Travel budgets and should be a serious consideration when determining overall cost.

Travel Jerseys

Players selected for a team will need to purchase a set of travel jerseys (one black and one white). This expense IS NOT included in the travel budget and is coordinated through the Travel Director. Last season, the cost of a set of jerseys is \$185. Returning players DO NOT need to purchase new jerseys unless it is necessary for a larger size.

Team Selections

Try-outs are a stressful time of the year for everyone; players, parents, coaches and other volunteers. Every single one of us desperately want to leave this process feeling confident that the best players made the team and happy with how everything played out. Unfortunately, that won't be the case, there will always be players and parents that are unsatisfied. Some Players will not make teams and they will be disappointed. Other players will be sad to not be on a team with their friends. Some parents will feel that another player was unfairly selected over their player. Other parents will feel that the coaches didn't get the opportunity to see their player's true ability or that their player didn't try their best. And Coaches will be heartbroken that they had to cut a player that they know is a hard worker and a nice kid and they will lose sleep over their final couple decisions for weeks to come. All of these situations and feelings are part of every try-out...in every sport...in every organization...at every age group.

So I kindly request to go into this process knowing that there will be disappointments and disagreements and that you won't always understand why things played out the way they did. No matter whether you agree or disagree or are thrilled or heartbroken, be a role model for your child; choose to be supportive of your player, other players, the coaches and our program...And PLEASE...trust and respect that everyone involved tried their best to make good decisions, to be fair and to put teams together that will have the best chance for a successful, competitive year.

Thank you for having your player participate in this year's Travel Try-outs. No matter what team your player ends up on, I wish each of you a successful, fun year at the rink. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance to you throughout the process, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Respectfully,

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