

# Tryout Procedure

## Player Evaluation and Team Selection

- All players have the option to participate in the player evaluation and team selection process. If a player chooses not to participate, they will automatically be placed in the lowest team for their age level. The objective of the tryout process is to ensure that each player is given a fair evaluation and that all players are placed at the most appropriate level for their abilities. To the extent possible, an independent player evaluation committee consisting of non-RLHA coaches and board members with hockey knowledge will be responsible for the “initial” evaluation and ranking of each player based on the individual player’s current age and skill level. Parent coaches of players being evaluated will not be a part of the evaluation process; however they may help with on-ice drills and they may ultimately be involved in the process of choosing a team.
- Tryout dates will be announced in a timely manner once they are established by the board, usually around mid-October. All players must be current with registration requirements and compliant with equipment guidelines in order to participate in the evaluation and selection process. To aid in anonymity, players will be assigned a random jersey to wear throughout the evaluation and selection process.

## Tryout Rules And Process

- Tryouts will consist of a minimum of four (4) practices with drills chosen by the coaches at that level.
- Each player will participate in every drill.
- All players wear numbers provided jersey before tryouts (No outside Jerseys).
- Parents are not allowed in the rink during tryouts.
  - Parents may remain in their vehicles in the parking lot.
- If necessary - all glass to the lobby may be covered during tryouts.
- LiveBarn will be unavailable during tryouts.
- Tryouts will be based on the following criteria:
  - Forward Skating
  - Backward Skating
  - Transition Skating
  - Skating Speed
  - Shooting
  - Passing
  - Puck Control
  - Hockey Sense
  - Competitiveness
  - Behavior/Attitude/Emotional Control/Coachability
  - TOTAL OF 35 POINTS

- Evaluators will provide each skater with a score for each category as follows: 1. Poor, 2. Needs Development, 3. Average, 4. Good, 5. Excellent.
- The head coaches of the teams at the level in question shall have the final decision with regard to “bubble players.” Bubble players shall be defined as those 4-6 players who score in the middle of the total number of players evaluated. The final decision regarding “bubble players” does not need to be made immediately. At the coaches’ discretion, “bubble players” may be moved between multiple teams at the same level until November 15th, at which time the head coaches shall make a decision regarding “bubble players” and establish a “soft roster” for each team at the level.
- Changes to “soft rosters” may only be made by the RLHA Board of Directors and prior to WAHA’s deadline for submission of final rosters.

#### Tryout Info

- Skaters should arrive 45 minutes early so players can grab their assigned jersey before.
- A meeting with parents will be held by the coaches in the lobby while the players are suiting up.
- Upon completion of the team selection process, final rosters will be compiled for each team and submitted to the RLHA Board. All players will be notified of their initial individual team placement within 48 hours of the selection process by an email sent by a member of the Board to the parent’s/guardians registered email address on file with RLHA.
- Questions and concerns regarding the team selection should be submitted in writing to the RLHA Board by following the grievance policy and procedures set forth on the RLHA website.
- Evaluation forms ARE NOT available for player or parent review, however, upon request, a summary of the player’s performance and comments will be provided in a manner so as to protect the anonymity of the evaluators. Review and discussion will be limited to the individual’s own evaluation and placement. No discussion will be held regarding another player’s evaluation and placement.

Refer to the Player Move-Up Policy for information pertaining to moving up of a player to a higher level than would be otherwise dictated by the player’s age.

Refer to the Team Splitting Policy for information pertaining to the determination of teams at each level.

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