

With Travel Team Tryouts coming up we wanted to post some Frequently Asked Questions about the Travel Tryout Process.

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Q: Is there a fee to tryout?

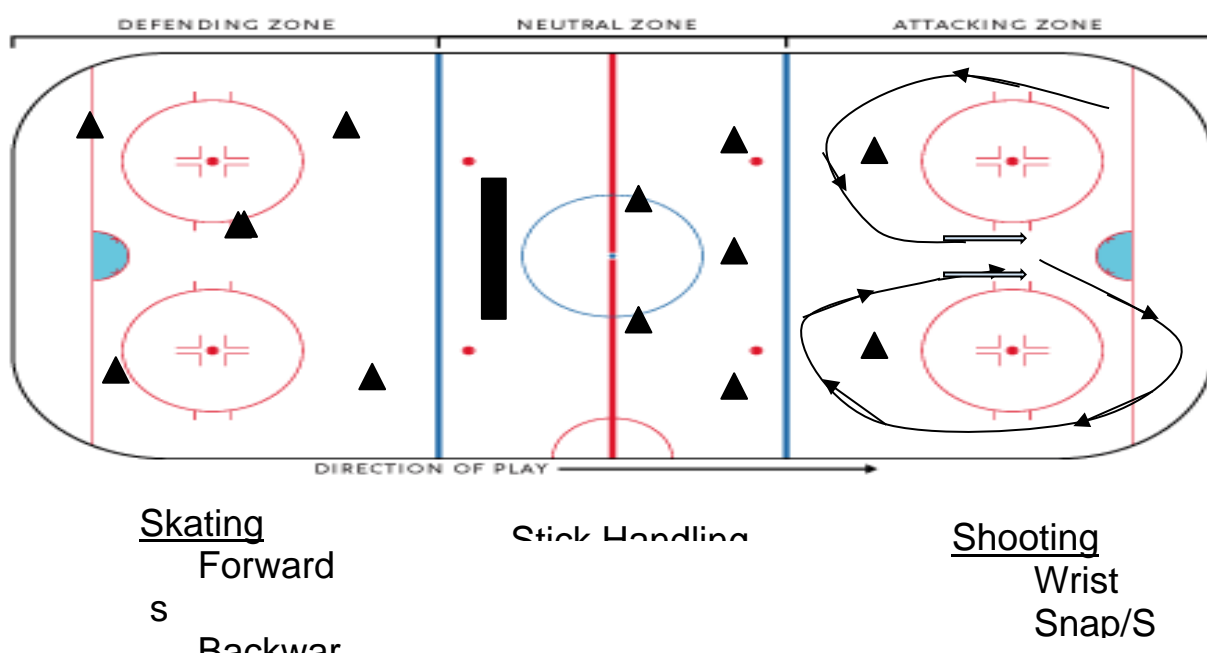
Yes, there is a \$30 tryout fee that is to be paid in advance at the time of online registration. In addition, all fees from the previous season must be paid in full or a payment plan must be set up with the STHA treasurer in advance of tryouts. If you have questions about your previous season's bill, please contact Treasurer, Mike King, at sthatreasurer2015@gmail.com.

Q: Why is there only one tryout listed for each age level and not a tryout for each team within an age level (AA,A)?

A: The previous set up of trying out for AA and then for A at a different ice session(s) was too taxing on players, evaluators and families. With spring sports starting up, more sessions means more opportunity for schedule conflicts. The compressed schedule attempts to alleviate this issue.

Q: How will the evaluation session be organized on the ice?

In effort to assist off ice evaluators, the on ice session will consist of three distinct stations: Edgework, Stick Handling, Shooting.



Players will be rated within each category. This data will be used in part by the head coach in forming the team. Additional information will be collected by the coach through the observation process during the drills and scrimmage. Additional attributes that coaches look for include but are not limited to: hockey sense, puck aggression, positional play, coachability, attitude.

Q: My child is a goalie, how are they evaluated?

Goalies should attend the player evaluations. They will see shots in the shooting station and share time in the net during the scrimmage portion of the evaluation session(s). In addition, separate goalie evaluation sessions are scheduled. All goalies are to also attend the appropriate age level goalie evaluation session. The 8U, 10U, 12U goalies evaluations will take place on 3/28 5:30-6:30 IHSC. The 14U, 16U, 18U goalie evaluations will take place on 4/11 5:30-6:30 IHSC.

Q: What happens if my child doesn't make a team?

A: The STHA does its best to find a home for every player. For 8U, 10U, and 12U players there is the option of House League and Selects. For 14U, 16U, and 18U the STHA will review the player numbers and work to create additional teams in effort to secure a place for all interested players. All additional playing opportunities are TBD.

Q: What if I want my player to consider playing up an age group?

A: Travel Policy section 2.4 addresses Play Up Requests for both Tournament Bound and Non-Tournament bound teams. If you wish to consider a play up request for your child, please email your request to Scott Beattie and Greg Laubisch.

Q: Can my child make a travel team even if they can't try out due to vacation or injury?

A: While it is possible, all players who wish to make a travel team are strongly encouraged to attend tryouts. If that is not feasible, please submit written notification to Greg Laubisch and Scott Beattie as soon as possible. The letter shall include, at a minimum, the reason for not attending the scheduled travel tryouts along with any other pertinent information the player would like to be considered. Please see Section 2.1, Tryouts and Selection, of the STHA Travel Policy for details and required actions. All STHA Policies can be found on the association website (stha.sportngin.com > Home > Policies).

Q: What do I do when I arrive at the rink for my player(s) tryout session(s)?

A: There will be a table at the front door of the rink staffed by STHA Board members. Please stop at that table to check your player in and receive your player's tryout jersey. Your player can then proceed to the locker room to get their gear on and get ready to hit the ice.

Q: My child played for another USA Hockey organization last season that was not the STHA; what do I need to be able to try out for the STHA?

A: Any player that played for another USA Hockey organization that was not the STHA in the is NOT REQUIRED to bring a NYSAHA Release Form from their current association. At the end of each season, all players are released from their current organization unless they are placed on the NYSAHA financial restriction list. The STHA will validate that players trying out are not on this restriction list. If you are on the list, you will be required to clear up the financial restriction with your previous organization before being allowed to try out in the STHA.

Q: How will evaluators know who my child is during tryouts?

A: When you check-in, your child will be assigned a numbered black or white jersey. Evaluator sheets only contain the jersey colors and numbers to be evaluated, not names. Assigned names and numbers will be matched up following tryouts to determine the rosters/cuts in consultation with evaluators and the head coach.

Q: Do I keep the numbered jersey for the second tryout session?

A: No. The jersey should be turned in immediately following each tryout session.

Q: Why was I handed a NYSAHA travel commitment form at the second tryout?

A: Travel commit forms will be handed out to all players who are invited back for the second tryout for a team. Please make sure you or your player stops by the check-in table after the second tryout to pick up a form. This does not mean that the player has made a team, but due to a change in Central Section policy this season, all commit forms will need to be completed and returned within 2 days of the second tryout for a team. Once the rosters have been named, we will need those players to complete and return the commit form within the next 24 hours. If a player does not make the team, they can discard the form.

Q: What if my child gets nervous about the tryouts and doesn't want to go?

A: We know that children (and parents) tend to get nervous about tryout sessions. You should not! The tryouts involve participating in the same drills that are run during the season. While there might be some variations, your child should have the abilities to successfully participate in the drills that the on-ice staff will use. If your child is overly nervous, tell them to treat these tryouts simply as a practice session, and try not to put any undue pressure on them. Parents who sit in the stands during tryouts are asked to be respectful to all players trying out, and not to vocalize any encouragement towards any player. If there are any issues, the STHA reserves the right to clear the stands during tryouts.

