



Player Safety During Tryouts

While OYHA wants to encourage a competitive experience for our players it is also vital that we ensure a safe tryout experience. With that in mind, the following rules will be enforced.

1. **NO CHECKING** will be allowed during 14U (Bantam) tryouts.
 - a. Given that the vast majority of those trying out have not experienced the checking game, it has been determined that it is in our best interest to remove checking from tryouts.
2. Any player engaging in reckless or dangerous behaviour on or off the ice during tryouts at **ANY** level will be removed from the tryout session.
 - a. The players removal will be at the discretion of the on-ice coordinator
 - b. The player will not be allowed to return to the ice until cleared by the HDC
3. Any player who injures another player due to reckless or dangerous play will not be allowed to continue in the tryout process.
 - a. The player in question will be referred to the OYHA Disciplinary Committee
 - b. If/when the offending player is allowed to return, his/her placement will be determined by the HDC/OYHA Committee
 - c. The offending player's placement will **not** be used as further punishment, however, the placement will also not be allowed to negatively affect the placement of any other player.
 - i. EX. If, after finishing whatever discipline is administered by the OYHA Disciplinary Committee, it is determined that player X is best served by playing at the A level, his/her placement on that team will **not** be allowed to push any other player already on that team onto a lower level team.
 - ii. A place will NOT be held open for the offending player

NOTE: This procedure/policy is subject to revision up to 1 day before the first tryout date. Any changes will be posted.