



EDINA Peewee Hockey Tryouts 2022-2023

To All Peewee Players and Parents:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Pee Wee Try-Outs. This is a short note to explain to you what the tryouts will involve, and what we are looking for in the players.

PLAYERS: First, be yourself – relax – and just do your best! At the “AA” level, the coaches will be looking for the players we feel will make up the best team, not just the top 9 forwards, the top 6 defensemen and the top 2 goalies. It is possible that we may ask you to try a position you are not use to playing during try-outs. If we do, don't read anything into it, just try as hard as you can and have fun!

Some of the attributes we are looking for in players include the following:

1. Your understanding of the game
2. Your will to learn and be coached
3. Your desire, discipline and work ethic
4. Your ability to play both ends of the rink
5. Your skating ability
6. Your passing, stick handling and shooting skills
7. Your ability to handle body contact within the rules
8. Goaltender's total skill level, not just saves

Remember, no player has made any team at this point. This is a new season and everyone comes to the grading with a fresh start for the new season. Additionally, no one will make a team based on what they did, or where they played last year or this summer. It is a new season and this is your chance to show the coaches what you can do today, and we will make our decisions based upon how you play during these try-outs, not something you did last year. If you do not make the team you think you should have, while you may be disappointed, don't be discouraged. Keep working hard and you may accomplish your goal next year.

PARENTS: Please take a minute to read what we have told the players. You can help all of us have a good tryout experience. Please avoid discussions about specific players in the stands and lobby. Everyone is here doing their best. Be supportive and help your player feel good about themselves. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask one of the coaches or board liaison. We will not discuss how we feel your player is doing or what his chances are of making a given team, but we will attempt to answer most other questions. Please let us know about any illness or injury in advance of the next ice time. The Pee Wee liaisons are Tim Flaherty 612-839-2201 and Greg Hoffmann 612-600-1087.

TRY-OUTS: We will break the players into 4 groups after grading is completed.

There will be a total of 4 tryout sessions, plus 1 or 2 additional outside scrimmages for Group 1. The players will be notified via a posting on the EHA website after grading as to which group they will be in, and what session to report to for the first try-out. The coaches will move players from one group to another as we feel is necessary to properly evaluate everyone's capabilities. The groups will be posted on the website after each session. (See *Important Note*" below). Movement does not mean that any player has made a given team, nor does it mean that they have been cut from any team.

Please do not call commissioners, liaisons or coaches with questions about group placement.

We simply want to see the players in different situations, under different conditions and with different players.

***SCHEDULING NOTE:** Some players from Group 1 will be asked to attend a tryout scrimmage vs OMG on Wednesday Sept. 28th at 4:45pm – 6:15pm at Brooklyn Park Arena. We will send an email with this list of players to attend after session 1.

IMPORTANT NOTE: During the grading and try-out process, the EHA website will be the key source of changes to groups. Please check it periodically and if you notice that your player is not listed, call the liaison. REMEMBER, group assignment is not guarantee of selection to any specific team. Depending on final player numbers, projected teams will be 1 AA, 1 A, 2 B1, 3 B2 and 2C. Note that this is subject to change.

Each player is to bring their green and white Edina jerseys (or other generic green and white jerseys if you don't have an Edina jersey) with their name on the back to all tryout sessions. Please do not wear any Select Team, Blades, Machine or other similar team jerseys or socks for try-outs or grading, as they will not be permitted. At the check-in for each session we will inform the players as to which color jersey they should wear for that session. If a player does not have a green and a white jersey, he should borrow them and use tape and markers to put his name on. If a player cannot borrow the jerseys, they should contact a Board Liaison in advance. Coaches will select lineups for each scrimmage session. Again, read nothing into the alignment, as there are numerous combinations that the coaches will want to see. Also, do not ask the check-in people for copies of the lineups, as they are for coaches and bench workers only. If you would like a copy then volunteer to run a bench. The only requirement for working a bench is that you be on the opposite bench from your player.

Have a great season!

Jeff Johnson

Peewee AA Coach