



2019-2020 EHA Bantam Season Grading and Tryouts

September 2019

Bantam Players and Parents:

My name is **Ryan Elbing** and along with **Kevin Christie, Dustin Elbing, Scott Geiger, Nick Gorski, and Dave Larson** we will be the Bantam AA coaches for the upcoming hockey season.

We will be facilitating the grading and tryout process and want to update you on a few items. We look forward to an exciting and competitive tryout process!

The following outlines what we expect from you as players and parents as well as what you can expect from tryouts.

PLAYERS

First, be yourself, relax and just do your best.

This is one of the greatest games on earth - HAVE FUN!

The purpose of tryouts is to put players with similar skills and abilities at a level (AA, A, B or C) that will allow them to develop into the best player and person they can be for the season.

Please bring last year's GREEN and WHITE GAME jerseys and socks for this year's tryouts.

No AAA jerseys or socks can be worn during tryouts and please also remove all AAA affiliation stickers from your helmets.

You will be assigned a color to be worn each day when you check-in for each tryout session.

Volunteers at the check-in table will have extra jerseys and socks that can be borrowed, if needed.

Please make sure the back of the jersey has the appropriate and legible last name of the player trying out.

We feel it is important players understand how to play different positions; so, throughout tryouts, the coaches may ask that you play some different positions. We will discuss this first with the player before changing positions and changes will NOT be made if the player is not in agreement.

It is important to note that teams played on last year WILL NOT be an indication of future teams. Coaches will be grading and selecting this year's teams solely on this year's tryout process. There will be coaches from inside and outside Edina evaluating and judging effort and performance.

In addition to the basic skills, the coaches and evaluators will be looking for kids:

- with excellent character on and off the ice
- that work extremely hard and do their best
- that listen and follow instructions

- that understand the game and display "hockey sense"
- that respect and encourage others on the ice

PARENTS

Please go through this letter with your player(s). You can be a big help to us as coaches, but more importantly to your player(s) as you prepare them for the upcoming days on the ice.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT ANY OF THE COACHES DURING THE TRYOUT PROCESS.

Please make sure your player is dressed and ready 10 minutes before your session begins.

Please advise your Bantam Liaisons (names and contact numbers are listed on the EHA website on the Bantam page) of any injuries or sickness well in advance of any ice-time so we can better prepare for the upcoming session.

Grading & Tryouts

Grading will consist of four stations and a final full ice drill. Each station will have an independent, non-parent evaluator.

After grading, we will have four sessions of tryouts. The players will be notified which group to report to after grading is completed and before their first tryout. Plan to stay in these groups unless otherwise notified. The 4th and final tryout is on Saturday October 5th. Prior to the final tryout the players listed in Group 1 for tryout #4 will be expected to attend a tryout scrimmage on Friday October 4th at Maple Grove. The group will be split in half with each half getting the opportunity to scrimmage Maple Grove's top 25 Bantams for roughly 40 minutes. Please bring both green and white jerseys. Participation in this scrimmage does not signify or guarantee your child has made a particular team level.

Players will be notified via EHA website>Teams>Bantams which GROUP they'll participate in during the first session. After each session a player may be moved to a different group. The purpose of any movement is to see how players react/act in different game situations.

Please note: Movement from one group to another does not mean your child has made a particular team. It is simply a more effective way to evaluate the players in this process. Similarly, the group(s) that a player skates in during tryouts does not assure him or her of placement at a particular team level. Please check the website after the conclusion of the final tryout session that day. We will make every attempt to have the groups posted within 12 hours of each of the final sessions.

If you have questions during tryouts, please feel free to contact your Bantam Liaisons – names and contact numbers are listed on the EHA website under the Bantam page.

We are looking forward to another great season!

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