



Jr. Gold
Tryout Guide
2022-23

Assuming no COVID restrictions, pools will be shuffled after the first tryout session.

General Notes

Players should arrive 30-45 minutes prior to their session and must be ready to get on the ice 15 minutes prior to start time.

Players must check-in before every session or risk being marked absent.

No evaluator/coach scores or comments will be given to the parents after the tryout process is complete.

It is your responsibility to monitor the RAHA website and understand which pool session you must attend each day during tryouts.

Tryout Jerseys, Socks and Equipment

Tryout jerseys will be handed out upon check-in for the first tryout session. Each player will receive a reversible tryout jersey to be used for all tryout sessions. Jerseys are to be placed in bag/box at RCC after the last tryout session. Parents may be charged if the tryout jersey is not returned.

Due to slowed supply chain, socks won't be provided until after tryouts. Players should wear the previous season socks to tryouts, if possible, otherwise any socks will do.

Players must wear a navy-colored helmet with NO IDENTIFYING TEAM MARKINGS or STICKERS (AAA, team names, etc.).

Wear all standard hockey equipment including mouth guards.

Tryout Pools

All skaters and goalies are placed in random pools for the first tryout session. Pool sizes are determined by total number of kids trying out. Pool assignments are posted to the RAHA website prior to the first session.

Scores from sessions are used for subsequent pool assignments at each level. The tryout facilitator re-pools the players after Sessions 1 and 2.

In addition, each player has the opportunity to move up/down within tiers based on each day's session play - therefore each and every session matters.

Updated pools will be posted to the website as soon as they become available. It is your responsibility to monitor the RAHA website and understand which pool you are assigned.

What if I have questions about tryouts?

Questions/concerns about the tryout process must go through the RAHA Tryout Facilitator. Do not bring these questions directly to the traveling coaches/coordinators or tryout committee.

Tryouts

The tryout process is based on registration numbers; therefore, this process may change if the actual number of players change.

- **Day 1: 5x5 Scrimmage (50% of total evaluation score)**
 - Checking is allowed
- **Day 2: 5x5 Scrimmage (50% of total evaluation score)**
 - Checking is allowed
- **Day 3: 5x5 Scrimmage (not evaluated)**
 - Checking is allowed

At the end of each session, players may stay in the same tier, move up or move down, based on the most recent session's performance.

Subsequent session assignments will be posted to the RAHA website as soon as they become available.

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How are players evaluated?

Note: Any sessions missed by a player/goalie will receive the lowest score possible (1) for that session.

During each tryout session, there will be up to 4 outside evaluators and up to 4 RAHA coaches will score based on a preset scale, following a common scoring structure. Evaluator scores are evenly weighted 50% outside evaluators and 50% RAHA coach evaluators.

Evaluators/coaches look for complete players, with strengths balanced across:

- Skills
- Hockey sense, and
- Positive contribution to team play

Scores from each evaluator/coach are recorded and used for subsequent tier assignments and final team selection.

Players are evaluated for negative contributions to play. Inappropriate conduct or penalty situations will result in a decrease in score. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Penalties
- Use of foul language on or off the ice
- Play intended to injure, illegal checks

Coach evaluators are prohibited from scoring his/her own player and from accessing their player's scores.

How are teams selected?

Team designations will be dictated by the number of players trying out.

Coaches will pick teams in the following order:

- Jr. Gold A
- 16U
- Jr. Gold B

How are head coaches selected?

The Coaches Committee evaluates all coaching candidates on experience, reputation and past performance/survey results. The committee brings their coaches ranking to the board for final vote before tryouts start.

How will I know what team I'm on?

After team selections are complete, an email will be sent indicating team placements have been posted to the RAHA website. Team assignments are generally posted within 48 hours from the completion of tryouts.

Please be aware that your first practice can be the very next day following tryouts.

Will there be cuts?

Depending on the number of players trying out, there could be cuts to manage the roster sizes. If there is a case of player cuts due to roster sizes, RAHA would reach out to surrounding associations to try to place players on a team.

What if I believe a mistake took place?

We understand that the outcome of tryouts might not always be what you had hoped for; however, team selections are final. We are always interested in feedback and suggestions and are looking to continually improve our processes and programs. In the end, everyone will be on a team, will have a chance to develop and enjoy playing this great sport.

Grievances/complaints, related to tryouts, will not be discussed on the phone. All contact regarding grievances/complaints will not be accepted until one week (7 days) after the completion of your level's final tryout session. Every player/parent who wishes to file a grievance, will need to contact the RAHA Vice-President to get a copy of the form. A meeting will be set up, once the form is completed, as we value your feedback.

In any case, you should plan on attending your team practices as scheduled.