



Tryouts

The purpose of traveling level tryouts is to separate skaters according to their ability, measured without regard to the ability of skaters outside of SLPCR COOP. All players meeting the minimum grade (as set forth below) for any level of traveling play will be able to tryout for a traveling team without restriction following MN Hockey age guidelines:

- Peewee/U12
- Bantam/U15

A player must be in good standing with their home association to participate in tryouts.

Any properly registered player not able to complete tryouts (for reason other than illness or injury, which are discussed below) must notify a Traveling Director prior to the commencement of tryouts and, in order to be placed on a team, must petition your association's Traveling Director in writing stating the reason for not participating in tryouts. The COOP Committee will consult coaches for the appropriate level of play and, upon the majority vote of the COOP Committee and consent of the appropriate coach, will place the player on a team.

If a player's absence from tryouts is due to injury or illness, the player/parent/guardian must deliver a completed Application for Excused Absence from Tryouts Due to Injury and a written doctor's note to a Traveling Director prior to the commencement of tryouts. An injured/ill player must be expected to return to 100% of his/her playing capabilities by December 31st, based on a doctor's estimation, to be eligible for any spot on an A or B traveling team. Players who do not meet this requirement may be placed on the lowest level team for the season, provided there are openings on such a team. The COOP Committee will consult coaches for the appropriate level of play and, upon a majority vote

of the COOP Committee and consent of the appropriate coach, will place a qualifying player on a team.

- The Traveling Director will schedule tryouts for the traveling level teams with an effort to avoid as many foreseeable conflicts with other sports/activities as possible; provided, however, that a major consideration in the scheduling of tryouts is ice availability.
 - The Traveling Director's will appoint 6 tryout evaluators (each association will appoint 3 independent outside evaluators) and 1 goalie evaluator, all of which must demonstrate to the Directors, in the Directors' sole discretion, an adequate level of hockey knowledge. The evaluators are permitted to communicate only with the Traveling Directors during the tryout process. Upon completion of each tryout session, all evaluators will be required to forward their score sheet to a member of the Tryout Board of Directors and will not be permitted to have access to or maintain any scores from a previous session. Participants' scores are permitted to be known only to the Tryout Board of Directors and will not be released to players, parents or any other party at any time during or after tryouts. Each association's President and Traveling Director will appoint a 3rd member to the Tryout Board of Directors.
 - The Traveling Directors will appoint an on-ice official for tryouts. The on-ice official may, in his/her discretion, remove a player from participation in a tryout session due to a player's continued lack of discipline or ongoing disruption to the tryout process. Any player so removed will not receive points for that session.
 - To conceal the identity of players during tryouts, players are prohibited from wearing any jersey, helmet, socks or other identifying gears or items. Players must wear standard game equipment including SLPCR numbered tryout jersey will be provided. All helmet stickers (other than those issued by SLPCR) must be removed. Any player not in compliance with this policy will first be asked to change and, if they refuse, will not be allowed to participate in tryouts and may not be placed on a team.
 - Teams of 10, 11, or 12: Top 7 skaters are automatic qualifiers. Teams of 13 +: Top 8 are automatic qualifiers.
- Pools are decided by aggregated judge scores and cut after two tryout sessions
 - Pool numbers are dictated by anticipated team size and automatic qualifiers.

EX – Team of 11 = 16 in pool, Team of 12 = 17 in pool, Team of 13
= 19 in pool

- The Tryout Board of Directors can at the coaches request alter any set pool size by a maximum of 5 players as they deem necessary.
- The coach for the top team may then select the remaining number of skaters from the pool of players available to fill the top roster at the conclusion of the tryout process.
- Skaters who are not selected in their respective pools are automatically placed at the next level. e.g. if a player makes the A pool and is not selected on the A team they are guaranteed a spot at the next available level B1

Parents, except for designated volunteers and head coaches, are not allowed in the arena during the tryout process. A parent volunteer may not be present during their player's level closed tryout process.

Traveling tryouts will include 2 judged sessions consisting of a combination of drills and scrimmages. There will also be a goalie only evaluation session. There will be additional sessions for the purpose of coaches to evaluate and finalize their rosters. Once teams have been selected, team rosters will be posted to the SLPYHA & CRYHA websites.

Independent judged tryout sessions will be closed to spectators.