

CPYHA TRYOUT PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

The tryout process is the basis for determining the competitive level of play for each youth player at each division (Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam). For each hockey level, the tryout process results in the following: the selection of an "A" Team, the selection of a "B" Team(s) (or a B1 and B2 team, based on number of registrants at the respective level), and "C" Teams for the upcoming season.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All the players per playing level may choose to participate in the tryout process. If the player chooses not to participate in the tryout process, that player will be placed on a "C" Team for his/her playing level, or the lowest level of play for that level for the upcoming season.
2. Participation in the tryout process is required for selection to either an "A" or "B" Team. If a player is unable to participate in the tryout process due to injury or illness, refer to Item #4 below.
3. Attendance is the responsibility of the player and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian.
4. Eligible players for the "A" and "B" Teams not able to participate in the tryout process for health/medical or any other reason must contact their respective Division Director. The player/parent shall state the reason(s) for non-participation. The CPYHA Board shall meet to discuss what action, if any, will be taken. Additional information may be required from the player/parent at the time of this meeting.
5. If a player misses the entire tryout process due to illness or injury, with a physician's request, the player will be placed based on his/her past playing experience, and the recommended level of play determined by the Board of Directors. This decision will be based on what is best for the player, teams, and association.
6. Players participating in the tryout process who are eligible "A" or "B" players may elect not to participate on their selected "A" or "B" Team. A player must make his/her intentions known to the relevant director prior to the commencement of tryouts. If no declaration is made, participation is assumed if selected.
7. All players are recommended to sign in 45 minutes prior to the scheduled tryout session. Failure for any player to sign in may result in NO SCORE for that session. This rule applies all players participating in the tryout session.
8. Players should be in the locker rooms at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the session and should be ready to skate at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time. Orderly behavior is expected in the locker rooms at all times.
9. **In an effort to alleviate stress, pressure and anxiety on the players, parents, coaches, and evaluators, no individuals are allowed in the rink area during the tryout sessions except for the players being evaluated and the Evaluation Committee Members.** Evaluation Committee Members include the ACE Coordinator, Director of Player Development, respective Division Director, the Head Coach, and designated Evaluators. Other permitted individuals include the on-ice tryout facilitators,

as appointed by the ACE Coordinator and Director of Player Development. Incoming players may proceed to the locker room for the next session, but must remain in the locker room area and may not be outside of the outer locker room doors. In addition, Parents and Players are asked not to speak to the assigned Evaluators during the tryout process.

10. Parents of Mite and Squirt players are allowed to assist their child in getting dressed, but asked to leave the locker area 10 minutes prior to the session start time and exit the arena area.
11. The respective Division Director will give any player violating the above policy an initial warning. A second violation will result in that player being removed from the tryout session. The respective Division Director will give any parent violating the above policy an initial warning. A second violation will result in that parent's son or daughter being removed from the tryout session. Parent and player strict cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

TRYOUT PROCEDURES/REGULATIONS:

1. The tryout process shall consist of at least two 80-minute tryout sessions of on ice-drills and/or scrimmages as developed by the Director of Player Development and Head Coaches of the "A" and "B" Teams. These drills will be the basis for evaluating each player's ability for the level of competition. No earlier than the end of the second tryout session, the players will be ranked on standardized scoring system. This system will provide an overall total point ranking per session based on the evaluators' scores issued to each player.
 - a. "A" Level Tryout: At the conclusion of the second session, and prior to the third session, players may be removed from the player pool (either cut or offered a position on the team). A third 60-minute tryout session will then be held for the remaining players. At the conclusion of the third session, the "A" team will be selected. Any players not selected for the "A" team may tryout for a "B" level team.
 - b. "B" Level Tryout: At the conclusion of the second session, and prior to the third session, players may be removed from the player pool (either cut or offered a position on the team). A third 60-minute tryout session will then be held for the remaining players. At the conclusion of the third session, the "B" team(s) will be selected. Any players not selected for a "B" team will be placed on the "C" team.
 - c. "B1" and "B2" Tryouts: When registration numbers allow for 4 teams at a division, current policy is to have tiered "B1" and "B2" teams. At the conclusion of the second session, and prior to the third session, players may be removed from the player pool (either cut to the "C" team or offered a position on the "B1" team). A third 60-minute tryout session will then be held for the remaining players. At the conclusion of the third session, the top-ranked players will be offered a position on the "B1" team and the middle-ranked players will be offered a position on the "B2" team. Any players not selected for the "B1" or "B2" team will be placed on the "C" team.
2. For all "A" and "B" team tryout selections, the Head Coach will have responsibility and authority to make the final selections to complete their roster. For teams with 13 skaters, Head Coaches may select the final 3 players. For rosters larger than 13 skaters, Head Coaches may select the final 4 players.

3. Goaltender selections for the "A" and "B" teams are based on recommendations provided by Evaluators after one "goaltender-only" tryout session and the regularly scheduled tryout sessions. The goaltender selection for the "A" and "B" teams is the responsibility of the Head Coach, with recommendation from the Evaluators.
4. The Director of Player Development selects the Evaluators with assistance from the ACE Coordinator, the Head Coaches, and the Division Directors. In addition to the Head Coach, there will be no less than 2 and no more than 3 Evaluators appointed for each session by the Director of Player Development. No parent or relative can evaluate a tryout for which he/she has a player, unless said player is not an eligible "A" or "B" candidate, or said parent is a Head Coach.
5. For tryout sessions, a player is given a random jersey number as a player identifier. The Evaluation Committee uses this number as a means to identify the players for evaluation.
6. The Director of Player Development will appoint an official auditor for each session. The auditor will be one of the members of the Evaluation Committee for that session. Her/His additional duties will be to oversee the input of all score sheets.
7. No name identification is allowed on a player during the tryout process. This includes any previous player numbers on any equipment. It is required that each player wears his or her assigned jersey.
8. All traveling rosters will remain open for the movement of players due to season ending injuries, movement from the community, decision to play outside of the area, or decision to play for high school(s). When this occurs, player movement will occur as soon as possible. Player movement will be based on the player's, teams', and association's best interests. The Head Coach will determine the selected players. This decision will be based on the tryout results, evaluations, players/parents desires, and must have the Board's approval. Players will move from each subsequent level, for example: "B" to "A" and "C" to "B". This movement can occur until the rosters are final according to the USA Hockey rules.
9. The exception to player movement is when two "B" Teams are fielded. The movement from "C" to "B" is not automatic, but is based on the players' positions, the coaches' needs, the Board's recommendations, and what is best for the teams, players, and association.
10. Upon completion of the "A" tryout sessions, the respective "A" Head Coach will contact by telephone those players being offered a position on the "A" team. All other players will be notified by e-mail and/or web posting from the respective Divisional Director. Players not selected for the "A" team will then notify their respective Division Director if they intend to try out for a "B" team. Upon completion of the "B" tryout sessions, the respective "B", "B1", or "B2" Head Coach will contact players by telephone to offer positions on the respective "B" level team. All players assigned to the "C" team will be contacted by the "C" team Head Coach or the Division Director.