

Adirondack Youth Hockey Association

Travel Tryout Rules, Selection Process, & Standards

AYHA strives to provide the best possible hockey experience for all of our players.

Rules for all tryouts:

1. All players trying out from other organizations must have a valid Player Release Form signed by that organization's President.
2. Members with outstanding balances from previous season/(s) **MUST** pay the outstanding balances in full AND pay 50% of the upcoming season's balance.
3. All members must have their balance paid by November 1st.
4. All players must be registered as a player with AYHA prior to participating in tryouts.
5. Tryouts are **CLOSED**. No one other than evaluators and on-ice personnel are allowed in the arena area during tryouts.
6. No parent or observer is to make contact with the tryout evaluators. Doing so will result in that particular player being pulled from the evaluations.
7. Players will receive a numbered pinnie, which **MUST** be returned after each session. Pinnies not returned by a player will be billed \$40 for replacement. Only plain hockey jerseys **WITHOUT** names are allowed to be worn during tryouts.
8. Travel tryout fees are non-refundable.
9. Tryouts fees are assessed to cover ice rental. Tryouts fees are a single fee that covers both A and B tryouts for age level, which means that any players that tries out for the B team following conclusion of the A tryout will not be assessed additional fees.
10. Players will be evaluated on the following:
 - a. Skating - forward, backward and use of edges
 - b. Stick handling
 - c. Shooting
 - d. Team play
 - e. Knowledge of the game
11. A player must attend at least one try out session to receive a complete evaluation.
12. Parents need to be aware that during the season certain situations may arise, such as injury or other occurrence, where an A player can no longer play. In this case, a player may be chosen from the B team to move up. Both team coaches will be consulted to determine, if a player will be moved. Once the teams are established and begin to practice and play games together, parents have the right to decline a "move up".

Team Selection Process

1. The head coaches will be announced prior to tryouts. The head coach will observe the tryout and participate as an evaluator.

2. Assistant coaches will be selected following team selections based upon the head coaches' recommendations and the Board's approval.
3. Two objective evaluators will be selected for each travel team tryout level.
4. The two evaluators and the head coach must evaluate each player's ability. The head coach can choose to be on ice or off-ice during the tryout to evaluate each player and has an equal say in the evaluation as an evaluator. The evaluators and the head coach may not speak to parents or guardians regarding tryouts.
5. After each session the evaluation sheets will be held securely by the Travel Director and returned to the evaluators prior to the next session.
6. After the last session, the evaluators and the head coach will make their recommendations to the Travel Director as to the selection of the Team. The evaluators and the head coach must document all players' abilities on their evaluations sheets.
7. The head coach will be included in the final discussions regarding the teams. The head coach will be allowed to comment on the selection and discussion of the final roster of the team. The President or Vice President, and Travel Director of AYHA will also be included in these discussions.
8. The team will also be published on the AYHA website at the conclusion of each team's Final tryout session. At this time, the coaches will be free to contact their team.

Standards for Travel Teams

Squirt A

Full time travel
 2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 40-45 games/year
 3-4 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Pee Wee A

Full-time travel
 2- ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 45-55 games/year
 State Tournament
 3-4 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Bantam A

Full-time travel
 2- ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 45-55 games/year
 State Tournament
 3-4 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Squirt B

Full time travel
 2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 30-35 games/year
 2-3 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Pee Wee B

Full time travel
 2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 40-45 games/year
 2-3 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Bantam B

Full-time travel
 2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week
 40-45 games/year
 2-3 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Midget B & C

Full-time travel
 1-2 sheets of practice ice/week
 30-35 games/year
 1-2 away tournaments
 1 home tournament

Midget Wrap

Fall travel only
 2 full sheets of practice ice/week for
 fall season
 10-12 games in fall
 1-2 away tournaments

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