



Novice B 2018/19 Rep Tryouts

Welcome to the Novice B (“NB”) tryouts for the 2018/2019 Season. In order to assist you in determining if the Novice B team is suitable for your daughter and family, I have outlined below the time, financial, family commitment and coaching philosophy. **I will speak briefly to all the parents at 8:50am Saturday morning in the stands to discuss the tryout process.**

Player Selection

- The Novice B team will be composed of 17 novice aged players (including 2 goalies).
- I have committed a roster spot to my daughter and one goalie, 14 skater spots and 1 goalie spot are open.
- **Currently today there is only 1 Novice B goalie registered, if you know anyone interested in playing goalie for Novice B please let me know.**
- The tryout process is the **final** step in selecting players for rep teams. I have evaluated most of the players by seeking feedback from their current coaches and observing players in games and practices.
- I am looking to select hockey players (and families) that will make a skilled and cohesive team. Players will be selected for their overall hockey skills, athleticism and other attributes (e.g. competitiveness, intensity, commitment, consistency, attitude, coachability, etc.) as opposed to their history of playing a particular position or side as some players on NB will play different positions during the season. Please speak with me if this causes you any concern.

Expectations and Time Commitment

- Players can anticipate 4-5 activities per week including one away game.
- Commit to a season that will run from late August to mid-April. We will kick the season off with a September training camp. We will have 4-5 tournaments plus playoffs and Provincials. Players that make the team are expected to honor this commitment all season and respect that their teammates are doing the same.
- Attend all team events. All ice times are considered mandatory with the exception of “3 wishes”, illness or injury;
- Prioritize hockey over other activities during the hockey season;
- Give their best every time the team is together, be a good team mate and be accountable. Parents are also expected to be team players and put the needs of the team ahead of their own;
- We will need many parent volunteers to help with team management and functions. This will be discussed at the player/parent meeting after the team has been selected. Stay tuned.

Financial Commitment

- The final team budget is yet to be determined but we expect it to be approximately \$45,000 or \$2,650 per player (exclusive of the Hornets registration fee). Additional costs will be required for apparel, equipment and tournament travel costs. Individual assessments can be offset by fundraising activities, which everyone is expected to participate in, as well as team sponsorships.

Coaching Philosophy

The Novice B team goals for the season include: ensuring that the players develop their skills and confidence, make new and strong friendships, further develop their enjoyment of hockey, team sports and most importantly, having fun. I will work to develop our daughters’ skills in a fun, positive environment with players who are committed to giving their best, being coachable, pushing themselves and learning accountability.

The Novice B team will not be a “win at all cost” team, but the staff will use its discretion when allocating ice time in the final minutes of meaningful games. There may be instances where ice time will be used as a correction and/or encouragement tool. The Novice B team will follow the Hornets Fair Play policy with the understanding that discrepancies from one game to the next will balance out over the course of the season.

My overriding belief is that this experience is for the kids and all decision I make will have the best interests of all 17 players at heart. My expectation is that any family accepting a position with the Novice B team is aligned with our goals and philosophies.

Getting Cut

Tryouts are tough on players, parents and coaches. Tryouts and cuts can be important development opportunity for our kids and a chance to develop resiliency and mental toughness. Getting cut can also motivate players through their entire next season. If you are not chosen for Novice B, consider that your daughter has been given the opportunity to play at the level that is right for her and where she will get more puck time and development opportunities.

I will call all players that make it to the 3rd tryout to let them know if they have made the team. We will likely have a team meeting on Sunday April 22nd, more details to come.

Thank you and good luck!

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