

MVIYHA
Tryout
Informational
Meeting

September 10th, 2025



Welcome to the 2025-2026 hockey season

- Agenda:
 - Warmup sessions
 - Tryout process
 - Tryout policies
 - Tryout changes
 - Team selection
 - Injuries/Absences

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Warm-up Sessions

- Three **optional** 60-minute sessions in September, prior to tryouts
- Bantam, Peewee, Squirt, 15U, 12U, 10U
- Consists of edge-work, drills, small-area games, scrimmage
 - Practice drills that will be used during tryouts
- Cost is included in the Tryout Registration fee
- Sessions are divided by last name, flexibility for Fall sports
- See Tryout page of website for dates, times and level designations: mvihockey.org/tryouts

2025 Tryouts Overview

- 4-5 tryout sessions
- 1 goalie-only session
- Independent evaluation team
 - Experienced hockey people with no children participating in tryouts
- Point scoring system – aggregate scoring used
- Electronic scoring via iPads
 - Evaluators see jersey color and # only

The image shows a desktop dashboard for '2020 Assessment' with a 'Results' section. It features a table of player scores and a mobile app interface for '3 - Wyatt Hawes' showing 'Technical Ability' and 'Tactical Ability' scores.

Player Pool	#	Name	Eval Group	End of Season Evaluation	Metrics	Tryouts
2010 Boys	4	Michael Edwards	Red Group	85.83	38.26	78.75
2010 Boys	9	Jake Johnson	Blue Team	73.33	87.50	71.25
2010 Boys	8	Jack Obst	Blue Team	75.00	40.65	68.75
2010 Boys	7	John Obst	Blue Team	69.17	73.56	68.75
2010 Boys	6	Jack Haider	Red Group	70.83	23.35	73.75
2010 Boys	5	Mason Bromert	Red Group	65.00	87.80	68.75
2010 Boys	1	Wyatt Hawes	Red Group	71.67	40.85	67.50
2010 Boys	2	Zachary Furlong	Red Group	59.17	39.76	62.50
2010 Boys	3	Jordan Ferraro	Red Group	67.50	20.65	56.25

The mobile app interface shows a player profile for Wyatt Hawes, a Defender, with a 'Technical Ability' score of 4.0 and a 'Tactical Ability' score of 2.7. A feedback note for Technical Ability reads: 'Great ball skills, good field vision. Needs to work on non-dominant foot.'



2025 Group Formation

- Initial tryout groups published 2 weeks prior to 1st tryout session
 - After this, expect minor changes (injuries, etc...)
- Players will receive their reversible tryout jersey with their unique # as they check in for the 1st day of tryouts (# is unique, color indicates which way to orient their jersey)
- After 1st or 2nd Tryout session, players will be identified by jersey # only on posted team rosters
- Announcement of next session teams will be made per the schedule posted on the Tryout web page
 - Schedule is currently posted for 15U/Bantams, will be posted for other levels as those sessions approach.

2025 Tryouts Group Formation - Boys

- Days 1 & 2
 - Tryout team rosters assigned by last name
 - Rosters shuffled between Days 1 & 2 to give opportunity to compete against different players
 - Day 2 teams are equal skill based on Day 1 scores
- Day 3 and later groups are equal skill based on evaluator scores

<u>Bantam, Peewee, Squirt</u>			
Tryout Day	Groups	Teams (within groups)	Group Assignment Timing
1	Assigned by Last Name	by Last Name	2 weeks prior to tryouts
2	Assigned by Last Name	Within each group, equal teams based on Day 1 scores	2 weeks prior to tryouts
3	Score Based	Within each group, equal teams based on Day 1 & 2 scores	After Day 2
4	Score Based	Within each group, equal teams based on Day 1, 2, 3 scores	After Day 3
5	Score Based	Scrimmage teams formed based on Day 1, 2, 3, 4 scores	After Day 4

2025 Tryouts Group Formation - Girls

- Day 1 - Tryout team rosters assigned by last name
- Day 2 and later groups are equal skill based on evaluator scores
 - For 10U, equal teams within each group

<u>15U, 12U</u>			
Tryout Day	Groups	Teams (within groups)	Group Assignment Timing
1	1 Group	by Last Name	2 weeks prior to tryouts
2	1 Group	Equal teams based on Day 1 scores	After Day 1
3	1 Group	Equal teams based on Day 1, 2 scores	After Day 2
4	1 Group	Scrimmage team formed based on Day 1, 2, 3 scores	After Day 3
<u>10U</u>			
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2	Score Based	Within each group, equal teams based on Day 1 scores	After Day 1
3	Score Based	Within each group, equal teams based on Day 1 & 2 scores	After Day 2
4	Score Based	Scrimmage teams formed based on Day 1, 2, 3 scores	After Day 3

On Ice Activities

- The activities the players will complete during tryouts have been carefully selected for each player to demonstrate their ability as a hockey player.
- There is a strong emphasis on 5v5 scrimmages
- However, additional drills will also be used allow players to demonstrate their abilities in more controlled situations:
 - 2v2 or 3v3 cross-ice for more puck touches, ability in small spaces
 - 1v1 or 2v1 rushes to isolate ability in these important game situations

2025 Tryout Policies

- No in-person viewing – LiveBarn is available
 - Implemented in 2020 due to COVID
 - Keeping due to positive impact on players trying out
 - Parents ARE allowed to watch final tryout scrimmages
- On-ice coaches selected by boys/girls/level coordinators
 - Consistent (attend all sessions, not just their child's)
 - Coaches not allowed to coach players (only provide encouragement)
 - Parent coaches not allowed to be on bench with their child (if present at a session when their child is participating, will be on opposite bench, except for final tryout scrimmages)
- Reference tryout manual on mvihockey.org/tryouts
- Please send any questions/comments via email to tryouts@mvihockey.org

2025 Tryouts: Changes

- Simplified scoring
 - Evaluators only score “overall hockey ability” (except for goalies)
 - More time to focus on the ice, prior years similar ratings across criteria
 - Discontinuing player tryout reports
- Bantams, Peewees - first 2 days by last name before moving to skill based groups
 - Evaluate full range of drills/activities before splitting into skill groups
 - Allows for good/bad days
- Uniform policy
 - Black helmets, gloves, breezers
 - Prior season MVI socks, or white, black, green, and/or gold socks
 - No AAA socks, breezer covers, helmet stickers
 - Mouth guard and neck laceration protection required

Final Team Selection Process

- Teams will generally consist of 13-17 players (12-15 skaters and one to two goaltenders) if player numbers allow. These numbers may vary depending upon expected registration numbers, team declarations, and other factors.
- Team rosters will be selected as follows, upon the conclusion of the final tryout session:
- The top skaters based on evaluator scoring are placed on the top team (AA or A). The final skaters can be selected by the top team (AA/A) head coach if this coach has been identified prior to and attends the final tryout session. Parent head coaches are not able to select their own child to their team if they are not in a locked position based on evaluator scoring. See Table 1 for the number of players eligible for coach selection based on roster size.
- Process continues for lower level teams.

# of Skaters on Roster (not including goalies)	# of Locked Skater Spots (based only on evaluator scoring)	# of Skaters Head Coach Can Select	Player Ranks Available for Coach Pick	Comment
10	8	2	9-12	Coach may select 2 out of next 4
11	8	3	9-14	Coach may select 3 out of next 6
12	9	3	10-15	Coach may select 3 out of next 6
13	10	3	11-16	Coach may select 3 out of next 6
14	10	4	11-18	Coach may select 4 out of next 8
15	11	4	12-19	Coach may select 4 out of next 8
16	11	5	12-21	Coach may select 5 out of next 10
17	12	5	13-22	Coach may select 5 out of next 10

Injuries

In the event of an injury or longer-term health ailment, prior to or during tryouts, you will need to provide a **written/electronic note from your physician**, including:

- Ailment or injury incurred
- Player limitations
- Proposed timeline for return to play

Players unable to tryout will be admitted into the MVIYHA Tryout Injury Protocol, as identified in the MVIYHA Tryout Manual

Reminders

- Please keep the tryout experience in perspective
- Our objective is to group players by comparable abilities
- Our players each develop at different rates over different time
- Prior year team placement does not guarantee similar placement this season
- Some players perform better at tryouts/testing than others

Reminders

- It is **basic instinct** for us as parents to be proud of our children and want them to **succeed**
 - This instinct may/will “**cloud**” our **perspective**
- The independent evaluators are **independent**
- Please respect their **independent** opinions
- Primary objective: **fairness** and **objectivity** of the tryout process

- 24 hour rule...

Good luck to all our hockey players!

Further questions?

Send comments/questions to Ryan Fabick tryouts@mvihockey.org
(send complaints to president@mvihockey.org)