



Morgantown



Hockey Association

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2020-2021 TRYOUT INFORMATION

Welcome to Morgantown Hockey tryouts. This document explains in detail the tryout process for MHA. Please read carefully. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome. All tryouts will be at the Morgantown Ice Arena, 1001 Mississippi Ave, Morgantown WV. 2020-2021 Tryouts will begin on March 13th, 2020. Refer to the website for actual dates and times for each session.

REGISTRATION / PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations will be completed online this year. Please visit the MHA website (<http://morgantownhockey.com>) to complete the registration process. A \$100 commitment fee will be collected through the online registration. The **registration deadline is March 8th**. (Mites and Girls must register but are not subject to the \$100 commitment fee at this time). You may register after the above stated deadline, but keep in mind that **late registrations are subject to a \$25 late fee**. The online system will automatically add this late fee beginning March 9th. When completing the registration online, if you have a credit balance available on your account, you will be able to use your credit balance towards these fees. It is important that each participant complete the registration and tryout process. This enables MHA to prepare for the tryout sessions, properly determine the number of teams at each age level, and, most importantly, it helps in determining the fees for the upcoming season.

WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION PROCESS?

Each player attending tryouts must complete the online registration that provides MHA with general information for that player. This includes the player's hockey history, the team for which the player is trying out, and parents' contact information. Each registration must be accompanied by a commitment fee payment. Players attending more than one Travel Team tryout are not required to pay a second commitment fee. (I.e. A player is trying out for a Squirt team and also wants to try out as a "play-up" Peewee).

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY COMMITMENT FEE AND HOW MUCH IS IT?

The \$100 commitment fee will be added as a credit to the player's account when the player accepts the spot on a specific team within a 24-hour period after the offer is made (i.e. Commitment Deadline). This \$100 will then be applied towards next season's hockey fees. If a player is offered a spot and declines the offer within the 24-hour period, the commitment fee will be refunded. After the 24 hours, if a player does not respond, the commitment fee will become property of MHA.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO TRYOUTS?

Arrive in plenty of time each night. You must register before or on the first night. (Note: a late fee may apply if you wait until the night of tryouts to register.) Please bring a dark and light jersey both nights. Do NOT wear travel team jerseys.

WHO WILL BE PRESENT DURING TEAM SELECTIONS?

The evaluators, Tryout Coordinators and the coaches at that level.



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WHAT IS THE EVALUATION PROCESS?

If there are multiple teams at a specific level, the evaluation process will have two components: skills and scrimmages. The skills component will consist of a series of varied drills, designed by the Tryout Coordinators and executed by the on-ice staff that is intended to focus on different fundamental aspects of ice hockey: skating, shooting, passing, defensive play, offensive play and hockey sense. The drills will allow the evaluators to judge the ability of the players objectively. The scrimmage games will be run during the later part of the tryout. The on-ice coordinator will organize the scrimmages. Players may be mixed and rotated during these sessions. Scrimmages allow for the proper evaluation of each player's all-around hockey ability and hockey sense.

HOW WILL TEAM SELECTIONS BE DETERMINED? IF NEEDED

After the final session of each level, if there is more than one team, the evaluators' scores will be added, and the selection of players will be determined by their overall rankings. The evaluators' scores will be used from both nights to determine a player's placement on the team. Attending each night is important. However, if a player cannot attend each night, let the tryout coordinator know so other arrangements can be made where applicable.

WHAT IF A PLAYER WANTS TO TRYOUT AT A DIFFERENT AGE LEVEL?

A skater may tryout at their age level and at the age level above theirs if they are within one birth year of being eligible for the higher age level. If this is to be considered, a parent / guardian must complete and sign the [2020 Travel Play-Up Petition](#), available on the MHA website. If this option applies to you, please select both the player's actual age division and the "Play-Up" option during the online registration process. Contact your player rep for more info.

WHO WILL HAVE THE PLAYER'S SCORES, AND WILL THEY BE MADE PUBLIC?

The Tryout Coordinators will retain all scores and notes. The scores will not be made public.

WHAT IF A SESSION IS MISSED FOR ANY REASON? FOR INSTANCE, ILLNESS OR INJURY

You should plan on attending all tryout sessions, beginning with the first night, scheduled for your level. The more the evaluators see you, the better your chances of accurate placement. However, it is understood that problems can arise, and if you find yourself in that position please contact the Coaching Director or one of the Tryout Coordinators as soon as possible so we are aware of your absence. The selection will be based on whatever information is available from any sessions that were completed and evaluated. For ones who miss the tryout sessions, one will be available in the fall before the season officially starts.