

# Rangers Registration FAQ's

## **Why do I have to register with APHA prior to registering for Ranger tryouts?**

All players must register with APHA regardless of the level of the team your child will eventually play. The APHA registration will enroll your child with Hockey Canada. If your child makes the Rangers, the APHA fees collected will offset the costs of game ice and officials.

## **When will the tryout schedule be available?**

The tryout schedule will be posted on the Ranger website once it is finalized. Please be patient as there are many COVID-19 related protocols plan around . You will also receive an email from the Registrar indicating your round 1 ice times.

## **Will COVID-19 Protocols be in place during tryout?**

The Rangers will be following Hockey Manitoba's Return to Play (RTP) policies during tryouts. We strongly recommend that all families familiarize themselves with these guidelines.

<http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/return-to-play/>

In addition each player and parent must respect and follow the unique guidelines and procedures for each individual facility used for the tryouts. This could include specified entries and exits, arrival and departure times, no waiting in the lobby, dressing at home, or COVID questionnaires prior to entry.

## **How could the COVID-19 pandemic affect the upcoming hockey season?**

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world in many ways and minor hockey is no exception. The 2020-21 hockey season has the potential to look much different than in years past. The Rangers organization will be following the guidance from all its governing bodies to ensure a safe environment for our players and families. In addition to the new guidelines set forth in the Hockey Manitoba RTP, the season could potentially see a later start, reduced number of games and/or practices, limited travel, and reduced or no tournaments, just to mention a few.

*It is imperative that all hockey families follow the guidelines and procedures set forth by Hockey Manitoba and the facility they are utilizing or we will be all risking a stoppage of the season.*

## **How many rounds of releases are there prior to the team formation?**

There are 3 rounds of releases in the team formation process. Generally, round 1 is 2 skates while rounds 2 and 3 are both 3 skates. Exhibition games may be played against other AA teams in rounds 2 or 3, if Hockey Manitoba progresses to Phase 3 of their RTP.

## **How are the 2 teams selected at each of Male U13 and U15?**

At the conclusion of Round 3 for the Male U13 and U15, the coaches conduct a player draft to ensure the teams are of equal caliber.

## **Will my son or daughter receive direct feedback as to why they were released?**

If parents would like some brief comments on the coach's evaluation of their player after round 3, please email the Executive Liaison in charge of your team.

**When and how will I be refunded if my child is released from the Ranger tryouts?**

Refunds of tryout fees will be provided for the rounds your child does not participate in. Refunds will be applied back to the credit card which paid the tryout fees. Refunds will be processed in October once all teams have been finalized. Please be patient in receiving your refund.

**How will I know if I have received my refund?**

The refund will appear on your credit card statement as a credit from Sports Engine.

**Round 3 parent meeting?**

At the beginning of the third round of tryouts, the Coach and a Ranger board member will host a brief parent meeting to outline the plans for the team and provide a rough estimate of the costs. If there are reasons that will prevent your son or daughter from making a commitment to the team, we ask your child to withdraw from the tryout process prior to the end of round 3.

**If my son is trying out for AAA, what should I do if he is released from AAA and plans to come to Rangers tryouts, which are already in progress?**

If your son is released from AAA, please email the Rangers registrar who will advise the coach to expect your son at the next tryout session. If you have not registered for the Rangers' tryout you will be required to register online prior to your first skate.

**What is the time commitment to play for the Rangers?**

You can expect to be on the ice 4 to 5 times per week. Our teams average 42 practices per year. The league is 28 games plus playoffs. Under normal circumstances, each team will travel to at least one out of town tournament per year, however, this may change based on Hockey Manitoba guidance.

**How much does it cost to play for the Rangers?**

On average it will cost \$2,500 to \$3,000 (inclusive of the APHA fees noted above) plus the tournament travel costs for players and parents.

**Is financial assistance available?**

The Rangers organization can provide financial assistance. Information on the application process will be provided at the round 3 parent meeting.