

# CGHA



# TRYOUT PROCEDURES

## **1. Attendance/Absentee Policy**

\*Teams must be formed in a timely manner and players who do not participate in tryouts may not be listed on official rosters until properly evaluated.

- Injury/illness
- Inform the Level Director prior to tryouts (if possible). If injury/illness occurs during tryouts, notify Level Director immediately. Even if there is a potential injury that impacts tryouts.
- Physician statement required for injury – must include potential return date
- Prior years placement
- Coaches' evaluation – end of year
- Depending on length of injury, may be able to evaluate some skills with head coach, a High School coach & Hockey Director
- Decision will be based on above & with input from the group above
- Injured Player Expectation – Attend all tryouts to observe
- Injured players will be listed in a separate section when player pools are communicated
- If injured *during* tryouts, all the above criteria will apply. The level director must be notified immediately and will make a decision depending on severity of the injury.
- All injuries will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### **Non-medical issue (religion, vacations, etc)**

- Failure to participate in any/all tryouts may result in increased difficulty to progress between levels.
- All other considerations from above will be used to evaluate the player along with:
  - Coachability
  - Attitude
  - Work ethic
- Placement Considerations (If injured/medical/other)
  - Prior years placement
  - Coaches feedback

- Scores if player was able to partially participate in tryouts
- Evaluations by High School coaches, Level Director & Hockey Director

## **2. Late Register**

- Any player registered after tryouts will be evaluated using the criteria above – See placement considerations (Goalies will be evaluated and placed appropriately depending on goalie numbers)
- All late registers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## **3. Equipment/Jerseys**

- Two tryout jerseys distributed on the first day of tryouts.
- Jerseys will have the players number that is assigned to them during registration

## **4. Eligibility**

- All players must register on time through the CGHA registration process and pay all applicable fees prior to clinics and tryouts.
- All players must be registered at the appropriate age level that falls within the Minnesota Hockey guidelines and the CGHA Handbook.

*\*Players with outstanding debts to CGHA will need to contact the CGHA Budget Director ([budgetdirector@cghockey.com](mailto:budgetdirector@cghockey.com)) in order to make arrangements to clear up these past debts. Players will be redlined and unable to participate in tryouts or pre-tryout clinics if their accounts are not up to date or no agreement with the Budget Director has been made. Please do not wait until the last minute to clear these matters up.*

## **5. Tryouts Closed**

- All player/goalie tryouts will be closed to the CGHA membership. This includes Day 1-3 of player evaluation days. We will allow parents to be present during any remaining days of in-house/external scrimmages that are held during the tryout period.

## **6. Tryout Dates**

- The full schedule for tryout dates and times will be posted on the CGHA website (cghockey.com). This information will also be communicated by level directors prior to and during tryouts. All dates/time are subject to change.

## **7. Goalie Tryouts**

- Goalie tryouts generally occur on the day prior to the first day of player tryouts. Please see the full schedule on the CGHA website and check for updates (cghockey.com).
- If a player tries out as a goalie, they will be expected to play goalie all season.

## **8. Scheduled Ice times**

- Please review and ensure you have marked your calendar with the appropriate times. Revisions to the ice schedule can be made at any time. Please see the CGHA website for the tryout groups and times.

## **9. Evaluations & Scoring**

- Day 1 (scoring) – Players distributed evenly based on prior year teams
  - Pool structure – Previous levels are split evenly
  - Unscored warm up
  - Each drill will be run 1-2 times per player at minimum
  - If time permits, an unscored scrimmage may take place.
- Day 2 (scoring)
  - Pool structure uses the same criteria as day one.
  - In House Scrimmage – Players may sit out part of the scrimmage, so evaluators have a chance to evaluate all players equally.
- Day 3 (scoring or ranking)
  - Pools are based on scores
  - In house scrimmage based on pools. Players may sit out part of the scrimmage, so evaluators have a chance to evaluate all players equally. If needed, evaluators may choose to play 4v4 or 3v3 to get a closer look at some players.

- Day 4 (ranking) – Internal/External scrimmages. Players may sit out part of the scrimmage, so evaluators have a chance to evaluate all players equally. If needed, evaluators may choose to play 4v4 or 3v3 to get a closer look at some players.
- Day 5 (If needed)
  - Internal/External scrimmages
  - Same criteria as Day 4
  - Day 5 necessity will be determined by number of players per level
  - Level Director will communicate evaluators along with their credentials.
- Squirts/10U – 70% scrimmages / 30% skills
- Peewees/12U – 80% scrimmages / 20% skills
- Bantams/15U – 90% scrimmages / 10% skills

*\*If needed – a buzzer will be sounded at every 1-minute interval to rotate players during scrimmages.*

## **10. Ice Time**

- During the first two days, all players will have the same amount of ice time unless the evaluating team feels it is necessary to have some chosen players skate additional time in a second session. One reason for this is- evaluators may need more time to properly evaluate a player they have not seen enough of. Another reason may be to add player(s) to help with numbers so a session will run smoothly and fairly.
- During scrimmages (Tryout days 3-5), players may or may not skate on each day depending on what the evaluation team needs to observe in order to properly evaluate each player. This can also occur later in day 2 to properly evaluate a larger pool of players.

## **11. Bench Assistants (Internal/External Scrimmages)**

- Those who have volunteered to coach (selection during registration)
- Level directors / Evaluators (if needed)

*\*No coach will be on a bench with their player that is participating.*

*\*Bench assistants will not provide hockey advice to players during tryouts.*

## **12. Coach participation**

- During team development, if a potential head coach's player has undoubtedly made a team, they may be called in to assist in decision making for the final player selection. Highest level team is selected first, followed by next level.

- Head coach applicants may be asked to observe all tryout dates and will have the option to take notes. Coaches will be given a sheet with player numbers only. They will not participate in the evaluation discussion room unless they are needed to assist in decision making for final player selection.

### **13. Tryout Results**

- While scores will not be released, you may request your player(s) feedback from the level director. The level director will review scores and provide feedback based on that information.

### **14. Final Team Selection**

- Each team at each level will be chosen after the entire evaluation team has met and discussed each and every player. The level director, with support of the evaluation team, has the flexibility to bring in the level coaches to aid in the formation of final teams. Evaluators will select 90% of each team's roster. The final 10% may be selected by the head coach if one has been chosen. The head coach will be given an appropriate pool of players by the evaluators to select from.
- If there are two teams of equal level, both teams will be divided equally.
- Evaluators will discuss many items including but not limited to:
  - Qualitative and quantitative data from Day 1 scoring sheets
  - Qualitative and quantitative data from Day 2 scoring sheets
  - Positive, as well as constructive, qualitative evaluations on a player during game play
  - Positive, as well as constructive, qualitative evaluations on a player's attitude and behavior on the ice, on the bench as well as in the locker room and lobby areas
  - Other things evaluators will be looking and listening for include: coachability, work ethic, body language, how well a player treats his peers, a player's verbal language, number of penalties a player takes (is the player in control of his actions), if he/she is good for team chemistry as well as other important attributes that aid in the formation of a successful team.

*\*There are many intangibles, other than hockey skills, that guide evaluators to pick a player for a team. It is important that parents and players all understand and trust the experience of the evaluation team to make the choices they feel will lead to the best hockey experience possible with the options they all have.*

- When the condition occurs that CGHA fields' two travel teams at the B or C level, the following procedure will take place in the selection of those teams.
  - After the tryout process has been completed, the head coaches will draft their respective teams starting with goaltenders. The first draft pick will be by flip of a coin and will alternate between coaches until the teams are filled from the players who are remaining after the last tryout hour. The players not selected will fall to the next lowest level of play.

- Final teams will be communicated by the level directors upon formation completion.

**15. Placement Disagreement**

- Please remember that every coach wants to pick the best team possible. If your child does not make the team they were hoping for and you are wondering why, please take 24 hours to ponder over your thoughts and then feel free to e-mail the level director so he/she can organize a time to communicate. If a respectful conversation occurs and parents are calling so they can learn, as opposed to shed some frustration, then both sides will benefit. As adults, we all must be capable of agreeing to disagree regarding difficult decisions. Remember that tryouts are the worst time of year for the coaches, evaluators and players. It is not easy or fun to do, but it is necessary, so please respect those volunteers for stepping up to help.

**16. Level Director Communication Requirements**

Tryout Dates/Time	When Possible - No later than 60 days prior to tryouts
Parent Meeting (1 per level)	1 week prior with Tryout Coordinator, Player Development Coordinator or Hockey Director present
Day 1 Player Pools	10 days prior
Tryout Drills	1 week prior
Evaluators & Credentials	1 week prior (evaluators should be identified 3 weeks prior to tryouts)
Final Teams	Immediately following team formation

If questions arise, please contact your appropriate level director. See chart below for contact information.

Squirt Director	<a href="mailto:squirtdirector@cghockey.com">squirtdirector@cghockey.com</a>
Pee wee Director	<a href="mailto:peeweedirector@cghockey.com">peeweedirector@cghockey.com</a>
Bantam Director	<a href="mailto:bantamdirector@cghockey.com">bantamdirector@cghockey.com</a>
Junior Gold	<a href="mailto:juniorgolddirector@cghockey.com">juniorgolddirector@cghockey.com</a>
10U Girls	<a href="mailto:Girls10udirector@cghockey.com">Girls10udirector@cghockey.com</a>
Girls Director (12U & 15U)	<a href="mailto:girlsdirector@cghockey.com">girlsdirector@cghockey.com</a>