

WYHA Tryout Criteria

Skating

- Arriving on time to receive passes, engage in battles, and win races
- Using skating ability to anticipate what the next hockey play will be
- Using skating ability to play their position
- Using skating ability to forecheck, backcheck, and support their teammates

Passing

- Sending and receiving passes cleanly
- Playing with their head up and having a pass first mentality

Forwards

- Going to the net and stopping
- Recognizing their role in the forecheck. Whether that be first, second, or third forward on the attack
- Making small plays at the correct time, such as chipping the puck out of the zone at the end of a shift
- Making yourself a passing option at all times, and supporting your teammates
- Recognizing when you need to collapse in the defensive zone in high danger situations
- Utilizing proper angling skills to win the puck back for your team

Defensemen

- Making yourself a passing option at all times, and supporting your defensive partner
- Utilizing proper gap control
- Proper understanding of when to pinch and be aggressive, and when to not pinch and be conservative
- Utilizing proper angling skills to win the puck back for your team

Goalies

1. Athleticism – Showing athletic ability that allows them to make difficult saves and recover quickly
2. Compete – Competing on every shot, rebound, and scrambling to make saves
3. Instinct – Showing instinct when the play breaks down and making saves outside of “proper technique.”
4. Reading the Play / Visual Talent – Reading the play early, recognizing developing threats, and tracking the puck cleanly through traffic and deception.