



2026-2027 Tryout Information & Permitted Dates

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ATTENTION ALL MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY PROGRAMS/FAMILIES: 2026-27 TRYOUT INFORMATION AND PERMITTED DATES

Consistent with the language in the Massachusetts Hockey Annual Guide, the following is being provided to all Massachusetts Hockey programs/families to provide clarity on the tryout dates and process.

The full rule is set forth in Massachusetts Hockey Annual Guide Page 22-27. Article II Teams, Tryouts, & Rosters. The following is a summary of the key points of the Massachusetts Hockey Tryout Rule. Tryout dates cannot be advertised prior to January 15, 2026.

BE ADVISED THAT open skates, skills sessions, identification skates, Association skills, or invitations to attend team practices for players that have not been on a regular season USA Hockey Roster with that Association prior to January 1 of the current season are not permitted, and violations will subject the Association, Team, Player and Coach to the penalties provided under the tryout rule.

| Tier/Division | Date |
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| Girls: 8U (All Tiers) and 10U, 12U, 14U, 19U (Tier III and IV) | 4:00 PM March 9, 2026 |
| Youth: 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U (Tier I, II, III, IV and V) | 4:00 PM March 9, 2026 |
| Youth: 14U,16U, 18U (Tier II (Non-NB only), III, IV and V) | 4:00 PM March 9, 2026 |
| Girls: 10U, 12U (Tier I, II, II-S) | 4:00 PM March 9, 2026 |
| Youth/Girls: 13O, 14U, 15O, 16U, 18U, 19U (Tier I OR Tier II- National Bound OR Tier II-S)* | 4:00 PM March 31, 2026 |

*PLEASE NOTE: Any team that is advertised/marketed/presented publicly as a “TIER I” team at 13O, 14U, 15O,16U, 18U or 19U is required to adhere to the March 31 date listed above. Teams can not refer to themselves as “TIER I” and hold tryouts prior to the 48-hour window after USA Hockey National Championships, regardless of their intent to participate in the Massachusetts National Bound State Championship tournament. Registrars will be directed to edit any such roster to reflect “Club” as their official roster designation as opposed to “Tier I”.



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No contracts can be offered to players prior to the dates specified above. Any Association or team that recruits a player from a Non-National Bound tryout held prior to the permitted date for a National Bound tryout set forth in Section B(1)(c), shall subject to penalties listed in Section B(6).

Any player that signs a contract with a Non-National Bound team as a result of a Non-National Bound tryout held prior to the date for a National Bound tryout, shall be ineligible to be rostered on a National Bound team in the same Association, unless the USA Hockey Registrar reviews and approves a roster change based upon injuries or other extenuating circumstances.

Please direct any questions to tryouts@mahockey.org. Thank you!

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