

Travel Team Tryout Policies and Procedures

1. Tryout Defined:

- a. A tryout is defined by the selection of players made in a fair and impartial process. The Enfield Hockey Association (EHA) has implemented the following policies and procedures that govern our travel team tryouts, as applicable.
- b. The goal of the tryout is to be run in a challenging and upbeat manner to bring out the best in all those trying out for an EHA travel team.

2. Tryouts will be used as a process to select travel teams Mites through Midget Divisions (where applicable). All players who would like to play for an EHA Travel Team, where applicable, will go thru a designated tryout process to evaluate skills and full ice scrimmage. The players will be evaluated on a three (3) number scoring system documented on the evaluation sheet

- a. 1 - needs improvement
- b. 2 - meets expectations
- c. 3 - exceeds expectations

3. The following criteria will be evaluated by the committee:

- a. Skating (Balance, Mobility and Quickness/Speed)
- b. Puck Skills (Stickhandling, Passing, Receiving)
- c. Shooting (Form, Accuracy, Velocity)
- d. Competitiveness (Work Ethic, Intensity, Consistency)
- e. Game Awareness (Anticipation, Offensive Awareness, Defensive Awareness)
- e. Goaltending Skills
- f. Evaluation forms completed by the head coaches during the current season

4. All players wanting to be selected for an EHA Travel Team are encouraged to attend all assigned sessions. If you cannot make a tryout session, it will be a missed opportunity to be evaluated by the tryout committee.

- a. The tryout format established by the tryout committee will consist of the following:
 - Skills
 - Scrimmage/Game Play
- b. The on-ice staff running the tryout will consist of:
 - Impartial designee
 - Current, approved and certified EHA coaches

Evaluation Forms:

1. Evaluation forms will be collected from the evaluators after each tryout session and held by the current President of EHA.

2. Evaluation forms will need to be completed entirely by the evaluator by the end of that tryout session.

3. Evaluation forms will be held by the current EHA President for one year after the selection of teams and then destroyed.

Evaluators:

1. The tryout committee will select the tryout evaluators from a list of the following areas:

- a. Certified Coaches
- b. Impartial board member(s) or designee(s) with an in-depth knowledge of hockey
- d. Referee Director

2. No evaluator can evaluate a division tryout in which he/she has relative(s) participating in that tryout. A relative is defined as a son, daughter, niece, nephew, cousin, grandchild or stepchild.

3. The evaluators will consist of a minimum of three and maximum of a five-person committee evaluating per session. Evaluators are recommended to attend all three sessions. If an evaluator cannot commit to this, the tryout committee will then replace that evaluator with another that meets the requirements of the above list.

4. The selection of players will take place in a closed conference room. The only people allowed in the selection room will be the

- a. Evaluators of that division
- b. VP of Player Development
- c. VP of Operations
- d. Current President of EHA

5. The President, VP of Operation, and/or VP of Player Development will facilitate the selection process. The President, VP of Operations, and VP Player Development will determine the team split based on the evaluation scores.

6. After all tryout sessions have been completed and the selection committee has made their selections team rosters will be posted for each team on the EHA website within seventy-two (72) hours after the last tryout session. Each team will list the roster of players, and the name of the head coach. Assistant coaches will be selected at a later date.

7. At the time of the selection process, a player(s) may be denoted as a practice player(s) at the Mite, Squirt and PeeWee level. This player(s) will be placed on the lower team and the head coach will need to contact the player(s) within twenty-four (24) hours after the last tryout session to discuss the situation. A practice player(s) will only be charged for half the amount of a full year. Prior to 12/31 of that year, the player(s) will be re-evaluated to determine if then the player(s) can move to a full-time player(s).

8. The composition of a full team will consist of a maximum of 20 players, in which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. The minimum amount will consist of ten (10) skaters and one (1) goalie. An EHA Board of Directors vote will be required if the minimum amount is not met to determine the future of the team.