2027 Hull Hockey Hitmen

FAQ

1. **Why are goalies cheaper than skaters?**
    1. Well, for one, we believe there is a shortage of goalie coaching across the state and want to be the frontrunner in bringing a clear solution to the problem when it comes to participating in our program. Two, our goalie coach, Mike McCuaig, embodies everything Hull Hockey is, and we believe more goalies need to feel the powerful player-coach connection that all of our players get to experience.
2. **What is the purpose of adding the 10U & 12U development teams?**
    1. Players who are not selected as either a rostered player or a practice player for their respective birth-year team will be assigned to a developmental team (if there is room). The goal of the 10U and 12U development teams is straightforward: to provide more players with the opportunity to experience our distinctive, dynamic approach to training and teaching the game. These teams will receive the same level of value, time, and attention as every other team in the Hitmen program, ensuring every player is supported equally, no matter which team they're on.
3. **How do tryouts work for skaters?**
    1. Tryouts are exactly as they appear. Each skater will attend 5 tryout sessions. After the 5 tryout sessions, teams will be announced. **PLEASE NOTE:** Not all players will make a team. Unfortunately, we do not have enough ice to create a team for everyone.
4. **How do tryouts work for goalies?**
    1. Goalies will have their own goalie-specific tryouts. They are also encouraged to attend their age-specific tryouts, although it is not completely necessary. We understand 7 sessions is a lot of ice; however, we recommend you prioritize the goalie-specific tryouts.

5. **Can my player try out for an older team?**
    1. Players are required to try out with their designated birth year team. This policy ensures a fair, consistent, and transparent evaluation process for everyone. By having all players participate within their own age group, we eliminate any perception of preferential treatment and provide every athlete with an equal opportunity to be evaluated. Our commitment is to conduct an unbiased assessment and treat every player with the same level of fairness, respect, and integrity, regardless of skill level.
6. **Can my player try out for the experience only?**
    1. In the past, we have allowed this; however, this policy was changed for 2026. Due to the heightened demand, we do not want players who do not plan on participating with the Hitmen taking a spot in tryouts since tryouts are so limited.
7. **Can we back out after tryouts?**
    1. You may withdraw from the tryout process at any time; however, by registering, you are committing to pay the program fees in full if your player is offered a spot on the team in any capacity. This policy allows us to plan and deliver the high-quality experience our families have come to expect. Building a first-class program requires commitment from both our staff and our participants, and we appreciate your trust and commitment in return. Our promise is to provide an exceptional development experience that reflects the highest standards of the Hull Hockey Hitmen program.
8. **When are teams announced?**
    1. After the 5th and final tryout session for each age group, our priority is to announce teams within 24-48 hours.
9. **What do my Hitmen team fees include?**
    1. The Hitmen team fees include everything from uniforms, practice ice time, mental performance coaching, professional team chemistry activities, and coaches' travel fees for tournaments.
10. **What other fees will be assessed**
    1. The only other fees you will need to pay will be for tournaments, whether it be local or travel. Usually, tournaments cost between $160-$180 per player.

11. **Will there be scrimmages with other programs?**
    1. As much as we would love to say yes, this purely depends on available ice time and the willingness of other teams. We will be trying to find scrimmages all spring, but to be honest, not a lot of programs want to give us the attention.
12. **Do practice players get to participate in games, scrimmages, or tournaments?**
    1. The short answer is yes. The long answer is that it just depends on how many games or scrimmages we have and how many rostered players will be absent for those scrimmages. Practice players will be fill-ins should the rostered player miss.