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Goaltender Tryout Information

For goaltender families at every level, 2026-27. When your goaltender skates, how the two goaltender skills sessions are run, what evaluators score, how the score is weighted, and how goaltenders are ranked and placed on teams.

Goaltender evaluation overview

Goaltenders are evaluated on their own track. A goaltender is never ranked against a skater, and every goaltender at a level is on one ranking list for that level. This book covers all six levels, so find your level in the pages that follow for exact dates and times.

1. Every goaltender at every level skates two goaltender only sessions on Saturday September 26 on the Gold Rink. The first is 45 minutes of goaltender skating fundamentals, the second is 60 minutes of live action drills.
2. A large portion of a goaltender's evaluation comes from those two sessions. They are run by the goaltender lead, not by the skater evaluation panel. Multiple evaluators watch the goaltenders across the specific skills listed later in this document.
3. Goaltenders also receive scores through practice, scrimmage and game play across the rest of the week, where it applies, and that carries a smaller portion of the evaluation.
4. Goaltenders are scored against what is realistic for their own age division. A 3 at Squirt and a 3 at Bantam mean the same standing inside that peer group.
5. The goaltender ranking moves the same way the skater ranking does. It is refreshed after each session, and it sets which pool a goaltender skates in next.

Goaltenders by level

LEVEL	GOALTENDERS	SESSION 1, SKATING	SESSION 2, LIVE DRILLS
Bantam	9	Sat Sept 26, 10:45 - 11:30 AM	Sat Sept 26, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
PeeWee	7	Sat Sept 26, 9:45 - 10:30 AM	Sat Sept 26, 1:45 - 2:45 PM
Squirt	10	Sat Sept 26, 9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sat Sept 26, 12:45 - 1:45 PM
12U Girls	4	Sat Sept 26, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Sat Sept 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
10U Girls	5	Sat Sept 26, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Sat Sept 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
15U Girls	2	Sat Sept 26, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Sat Sept 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

All goaltender skills sessions are on the **Gold Rink**. Squirt, 10U, 12U and 15U goaltenders skate theirs **before** the skaters at their level begin, so the goaltender ranking exists as soon as pools are drawn.

Words you will see in this book

TERM	WHAT IT MEANS
Pool	A group of players of similar ability placed on the ice together. Goaltenders follow their own ranking into pools
Blue Rink, Gold Rink	The two sheets of ice at the STMA Ice Arena. They have separate entrances, so check which one your goaltender is on
Team Genius	The evaluation software the association uses to hold scores and produce rankings

How goaltenders are scored

Three components, one weighting, used at every level. Nothing outside the categories below is scored, and nothing is added or changed once tryouts begin.

COMPONENT	PORTION OF THE SCORE	RAW POINTS
Session 1 Goaltender skating fundamentals, 45 minutes	Large portion	7 categories, 35 points
Session 2 Live action drills, 60 minutes	Large portion	5 categories, 25 points
Scrimmage and intersquad play across the week	Small portion	3 categories, 15 points

Each subtotal is converted to its weighting and the weighted scores combine into one final score, built from the sessions the goaltender is actually scored at. That final score is what the goaltender ranking is built from.

This weighting applies to goaltenders only. The weighting published in the parent level books is the skater track, and it does not apply to a goaltender.

The scoring scale

Every category is scored 1 to 5 against what is realistic and expected for the goaltender's own age division, not against older or younger goaltenders.

SCORE	WHAT IT MEANS
1	Well below expectation for this age and level
2	Below expectation
3	Meets expectation
4	Above expectation
5	Elite for this age and level

How evaluators are instructed to score

Only what happens on the ice during the session is scored. Reputation, prior seasons and outside knowledge of a goaltender are not.

Repeatable habits across many repetitions decide a score, not one highlight save or one poor repetition.

Where an evaluator is between two scores, the lower score is used unless the goaltender keeps showing the higher level behavior.

Notes capture what a number cannot, such as limited repetitions, traffic, effort and coachability.

Where more than one evaluator scores a session, each one scores independently before any observations are discussed.

Session 1, goaltender skating fundamentals

45 minutes on the Gold Rink, a large portion of the score, seven categories and 35 points. This session is goaltender movement, on its own, without the noise of a game around it. The benchmark for each category is written per age division, so read the column for your level.

CATEGORY	SQUIRT AND 10U	PEEWEE AND 12U	BANTAM AND 15U
Shuffle	Maintains basic stance and balance while shuffling short distances.	Shuffles with control while staying mostly square and set.	Moves efficiently with quick, controlled shuffles while staying square to the puck.
T-Push	Attempts a controlled push and arrives generally balanced.	Uses controlled pushes with reasonable angle, depth and balance.	Uses efficient, powerful pushes while maintaining angle, depth and balance.
Backward skating	Retreats with basic balance and attempts to stay centered.	Uses controlled backward movement to adjust depth with the play.	Adjusts depth smoothly and under control as the pace of play changes.
Edge work and balance	Maintains balance through basic movements with some loss of control expected.	Shows stable edges and balance before, during and after most movements.	Demonstrates strong edge control and body control through repeated movement patterns.
Recovery mechanics and speed	Works to recover to feet or set position with basic control.	Recovers with improving speed and balance after saves or movement drills.	Recovers quickly and under control while staying ready for the next play.
Butterfly slide	Attempts butterfly slide movement with basic direction and control.	Slides in both directions with improving control and recovery.	Executes controlled butterfly slides with efficient recovery and minimal wasted movement.
Post integration and rotation	Introduced to post positioning and basic rotation with limited expectations.	Uses post and rotational movement in appropriate situations with growing consistency.	Integrates post play and rotation effectively while maintaining position and control.

The categories are the same at every level. Only the expectation changes. That is why a goaltender moving up an age division sees the same category list with a higher bar.

Session 2, live action drills

60 minutes on the Gold Rink, a large portion of the score, five categories and 25 points. Session 1 measures how a goaltender moves. Session 2 measures what happens when a puck, a shooter and traffic are added to it.

CATEGORY	SQUIRT AND 10U	PEEWEE AND 12U	BANTAM AND 15U
Rebound control	Makes initial saves and begins to control or locate rebounds.	Controls many rebounds or directs them away from immediate danger.	Controls, freezes or directs rebounds with purpose in most situations.
Angles	Attempts to get square to the shooter and understands basic crease positioning.	Gets square to most shots and adjusts depth with improving consistency.	Manages angle and depth effectively as puck location and pressure change.
Lateral movement under pressure	Moves side to side with effort and works to reset after movement.	Moves laterally with control and usually arrives set for the next shot.	Moves efficiently across the crease and resets under pace or lateral puck movement.
Tracking	Tracks the puck on open shots and works to find loose pucks after saves.	Tracks most shots and rebounds, including some screens or traffic.	Tracks shots, rebounds and changing puck locations through traffic with consistency.
Compete level and battle	Stays engaged after the first shot and attempts second effort saves.	Competes for second chances and works to stay involved through rebounds.	Maintains effort, tracking and save attempts through rebounds, traffic and broken plays.

Scrimmage and intersquad play

A smaller portion of the evaluation, three categories and 15 points, taken from live play across the rest of the week where it applies. Team drill and scrimmage participation, coachability and attitude, and overall compete and work ethic are each scored 1 to 5 against the standard below.

SCORE	BENCHMARK
1	Rarely engaged, inconsistent effort, or struggles to stay involved in live play.
2	Shows some effort, but focus, pace or response to game situations is inconsistent.
3	Meets expectations, stays engaged, gives consistent effort and handles most scrimmage situations appropriately.
4	Above expectations, competes well, responds to pace and remains focused across changing situations.
5	Elite for age and level, consistently engaged, highly competitive, composed under pressure and a positive influence on team play.

Bantam goaltenders

9 goaltenders. Skills sessions Saturday September 26 on the Gold Rink, then five days of evaluation with the level. Goaltender counts are shown separately from skaters at every session.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

All 9 goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 10:45 - 11:30 AM. Session 2, live action drills, 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

The skaters at this level run their timed skills the same day on the Blue Rink, 4:30 - 8:00 PM.

After the skills sessions. The two sessions produce the first goaltender ranking for the level, and that ranking sets which pool each goaltender skates in on Day 2. Goaltenders are ranked on their own track.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Blue Rink · AM and PM blocks

Pool 1 micro scrimmages

6 goaltenders, 3 in each block. Ranks 1, 3 and 5 in the morning, ranks 2, 4 and 6 in the afternoon. Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes.

After Day 2, Pool 1. Ranks 1, 2, 3 and 4 stay in Pool 1. Ranks 5 and 6 move to Pool 2.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Gold Rink · 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Pool 3 standard scrimmage

3 goaltenders, ranks 7, 8 and 9. All three skate this session.

After Day 2, Pool 3. The goaltender ranked 7 moves up to Pool 2. Ranks 8 and 9 stay in Pool 3.

DAY 3

Tue Sept 29 · Blue Rink · 7:15 - 8:30 PM

Pool 1 practice and evaluation scrimmage

4 goaltenders, ranks 1, 2, 3 and 4.

After Day 3. Ranks 1, 2 and 3 stay in Pool 1 for the final game. The goaltender ranked 4 moves to Pool 2.

DAY 4

Wed Sept 30 · Blue Rink · 5:45 - 7:15 PM

Pool 2 - 3 Final Evaluation

6 goaltenders, ranks 4 through 9. Pool 2 and Pool 3 skate together in one 90 minute final evaluation, Team Blue vs Team Grey.

Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

Day 4 is the last session for goaltenders ranked 4 through 9. Scores from every session a goaltender skated carry into team formation.

DAY 5

Sat Oct 3 · Gold Rink · 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Final evaluation game, Pool 1

3 goaltenders, one per period. A full game, opponent to be announced, three 15 minute periods with officials.

Bantam placement

Four Bantam teams are projected. Team sizes are a projection at this stage, 1 to 2 goaltenders per team. Every goaltender is placed on a team once evaluation is complete.

Set in the policy, not here. Locked places, the coaches pick pool and how the top team is finalized are set in the STMA Tryout and Evaluation Policy, published with these documents.

Every session a Bantam goaltender skates, and which ranks move between pools after each one.

Bantam Goaltender Movement, 9 Goaltenders

Goaltenders are ranked on their own track. Every card and every band names ranks.

Skills

Sat 9/26
Goaltender Skills

All 9 goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

9 goaltenders · Session 1, 10:45 - 11:30 AM · Session 2, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Two sessions, 80 percent of the score. Skating fundamentals then live action drills. These two sessions produce the first goaltender ranking for the level.



Split after the skills sessions: ranks **1 - 6** to Pool 1, ranks **7 - 9** to Pool 3.

Day 2

Sun 9/27
Evaluation Scrimmage

Pool 1 micro scrimmages

Blue Rink, AM and PM

6 goaltenders · AM ranks **1, 3, 5** · PM ranks **2, 4, 6**

4 v 4 micro scrimmages. Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes.

Pool 3 standard scrimmage

Gold Rink, 11:45 - 12:45

3 goaltenders · ranks **7, 8, 9**

Standard scrimmage. All three skate this session.



Pool 1: ranks **1 - 4** stay, ranks **5** and **6** move to Pool 2.
Pool 3: rank **7** moves up to Pool 2, ranks **8** and **9** stay in Pool 3.

Day 3

Tue 9/29
Practice and Evaluation Scrimmage

Pool 1

Blue Rink, 7:15 - 8:30 PM

4 goaltenders · ranks **1, 2, 3, 4**

45 minute practice, then a 30 minute scrimmage. Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes.

Pool 2 and Pool 3

No ice today. Holding at ranks **5, 6** and ranks **7, 8, 9**.



Ranks **1, 2** and **3** stay in Pool 1 for the final game. Rank **4** moves to Pool 2.

Day 4

Wed 9/30
Pool 2 - 3 Final Evaluation

Pool 2 + Pool 3 combined

Blue Rink, 5:45 - 7:15 PM

6 goaltenders · ranks **4 - 9** · Team Blue vs Team Grey

One 90 minute final evaluation, last session for ranks 4 - 9. Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.



Ranks **4 - 9** finish their evaluation on Day 4. Ranks **1, 2** and **3** play one period each in the Day 5 game.

Day 5

Sat 10/3
Final Evaluation Game

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 10:00 - 11:15 AM

3 goaltenders · ranks **1, 2, 3**, one per period

Full game, opponent to be announced. Three 15 minute periods with officials.

Ranking is refreshed after every session. That is what allows a goaltender to move up a pool during the week, and what puts the top three in the final game.

Final placement: 3 in the Day 5 game, 6 finishing in the Day 4 final evaluation =

9 goaltenders

balances

PeeWee goaltenders

7 goaltenders. Skills sessions Saturday September 26 on the Gold Rink, then five days of evaluation with the level.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

All 7 goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 9:45 - 10:30 AM. Session 2, live action drills, 1:45 - 2:45 PM.

The skaters at this level run their timed skills the same day on the Blue Rink.

After the skills sessions. The goaltender ranking sets the pools. Ranks 1 through 4 go to Pool 1 and ranks 5, 6 and 7 go to Pool 3.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Blue Rink · AM and PM blocks

Pool 1 evaluation scrimmages

4 goaltenders, 2 in each block. Ranks 1 and 3 in the morning, ranks 2 and 4 in the afternoon.

One goaltender in each net, changing teams between games.

After Day 2, Pool 1. Ranks 1, 2, 3 and 4 all stay in Pool 1 for Day 3.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Gold Rink · 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Pool 3 evaluation scrimmage

3 goaltenders, ranks 5, 6 and 7.

After Day 2, Pool 3. 1 goaltender moves up to Pool 2. The other 2 stay in Pool 3.

DAY 3

Tue Sept 29 · Blue Rink · 5:45 - 7:00 PM

Pool 1 practice and intrasquad scrimmage

4 goaltenders, ranks 1, 2, 3 and 4.

After Day 3. 3 goaltenders stay in Pool 1 and 1 moves to Pool 2.

DAY 4

Thu Oct 1 · Blue Rink

Pool 2 and Pool 3 scrimmages

Pool 2, 5:45 - 6:45 PM. 2 goaltenders, ranks 4 and 5.

Pool 3, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. 2 goaltenders, ranks 6 and 7.

Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

Day 4 is the last session for Pool 2 and Pool 3. Scores from every session carry into team formation.

DAY 5

Sat Oct 3 · Gold Rink · 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Final evaluation game, Pool 1

3 goaltenders, one per period. A full game against an outside opponent, three 15 minute periods with officials.

PeeWee placement

Six PeeWee teams are projected, with 1 to 2 goaltenders per team. Every goaltender is placed on a team once evaluation is complete.

Set in the policy, not here. Locked places, the coaches pick pool and how the top team is finalized are set in the STMA Tryout and Evaluation Policy.

Every session a PeeWee goaltender skates, and which ranks move between pools after each one.

PeeWee Goaltender Movement, 7 Goaltenders

Goaltenders are ranked on their own track. Every card and every band names ranks.

Skills

Sat 9/26
Goaltender Skills

All 7 goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

7 goaltenders · Session 1, 9:45 - 10:30 AM · Session 2, 1:45 - 2:45 PM

Two sessions, 80 percent of the score. Skating fundamentals then live action drills.



Split after the skills sessions: ranks **1 - 4** to Pool 1, ranks **5 - 7** to Pool 3.

Day 2

Sun 9/27
Evaluation Scrimmage

Pool 1 micro scrimmages

Blue Rink, AM and PM

4 goaltenders · AM ranks **1, 3** · PM ranks **2, 4**

4 v 4 micro scrimmages. One goaltender in each net, changing teams between games.

Pool 3 evaluation scrimmage

Gold Rink, 10:30 - 11:30

3 goaltenders · ranks **5, 6, 7**

Standard scrimmage. All three skate this session.



Pool 1: ranks **1 - 4** all stay for Day 3.

Pool 3: rank **5** moves up to Pool 2, ranks **6** and **7** stay in Pool 3.

Day 3

Tue 9/29
Practice and Intrasquad Scrimmage

Pool 1

Blue Rink, 5:45 - 7:00 PM

4 goaltenders · ranks **1, 2, 3, 4**

45 minute practice, then a 30 minute scrimmage. Goaltenders rotate to receive even minutes.

Pool 2 and Pool 3

No ice today. Holding at rank **5** and ranks **6, 7**.



Ranks **1, 2** and **3** stay in Pool 1 for the final game. Rank **4** moves to Pool 2.

Day 4

Thu 10/1
Pool Play Scrimmage

Pool 2

Blue Rink, 5:45 - 6:45 PM

2 goaltenders · ranks **4, 5**

Last session for Pool 2. Those scores carry into placement.

Pool 3

Blue Rink, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

2 goaltenders · ranks **6, 7**

Last session for Pool 3. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

Day 5

Sat 10/3
Final Evaluation Game

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

3 goaltenders · ranks **1, 2, 3**, one per period

Full game against an outside opponent. Three 15 minute periods with officials.

Ranking is refreshed after every session. A goaltender can move up a pool during the week, and the top three skate the final game.

Final placement: 3 in the Day 5 game, 2 finishing in Pool 2, 2 in Pool 3 = **7 goaltenders** **balances**

Squirt goaltenders

10 goaltenders, the largest goaltender group in the association. Squirt goaltenders skate their skills sessions a week before the Squirt skaters begin, so the goaltender ranking is set before the first Squirt game is played.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

All 10 goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 9:00 - 9:45 AM. Session 2, live action drills, 12:45 - 1:45 PM.

Squirt skater skills are the following Saturday, October 3 on the Blue Rink, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

After the skills sessions. The goaltender ranking is set and carries into Day 2, when all 10 goaltenders play in three Sunday groups.

DAY 2

Sun Oct 4 · Blue Rink · 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Full level, six teams

All 10 goaltenders in three groups, one group per game. Three 45 minute games in the morning and three in the afternoon, each a warm up then 4 v 4.

Group 1, 3 goaltenders, 8:30 AM and 1:15 PM. **Group 2**, 3 goaltenders, 9:30 AM and 2:15 PM. **Group 3**, 4 goaltenders, 10:30 AM and 3:15 PM.

After Day 2. Ranks 1, 2 and 3 go to Pool 1. Ranks 4, 5, 6 and 7 go to Pool 2. Ranks 8, 9 and 10 go to Pool 3.

DAY 3

Mon Oct 5 · Blue Rink

Pool 3 and Pool 2 scrimmages

Pool 3, 5:30 - 6:30 PM. 3 goaltenders, ranks 8, 9 and 10.

Pool 2, 6:45 - 7:45 PM. 4 goaltenders, ranks 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

After Day 3. The goaltender ranked 4 moves up from Pool 2 into Pool 1 for the final. For everyone else in Pool 2 and Pool 3 this is the last session, and those scores carry into team formation.

DAY 4

Tue Oct 6 · Gold Rink · 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Final evaluation, Pool 1

4 goaltenders, ranks 1 through 4. Two teams from inside the pool, and no outside opponent at Squirt.

Squirt is four days. Six Squirt teams are projected, with 1 to 2 goaltenders per team.

Every session a Squirrt goaltender skates, and which ranks move between pools after each one.

Squirrt Goaltender Movement, 10 Goaltenders

Four days, not five. Squirrt goaltenders skate their skills a week before the Squirrt skaters begin.

Skills

Sat 9/26

Goaltender Skills

All 10 goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

10 goaltenders · Session 1, 9:00 - 9:45 AM · Session 2, 12:45 - 1:45 PM

Two sessions, 80 percent of the score. The goaltender ranking is set before the first skater game is played.

After the skills sessions all 10 goaltenders split into three Sunday groups, one group per game. No pools yet.

Day 2

Sun 10/4

Evaluation Scrimmage

Full level, six teams

Blue Rink, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

10 goaltenders · 3 groups of 3, 3 and 4, one group per game

Three 45 minute games in the morning, three in the afternoon. Warm up, then 4 v 4. Every team plays twice.

After Day 2: ranks 1, 2, 3 to Pool 1, ranks 4, 5, 6, 7 to Pool 2, ranks 8, 9, 10 to Pool 3.

Day 3

Mon 10/5

Pool Play Scrimmage

Pool 2

Blue Rink, 6:45 - 7:45 PM

4 goaltenders · ranks 4, 5, 6, 7

5 v 5 all session. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

Pool 3

Blue Rink, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

3 goaltenders · ranks 8, 9, 10

5 v 5 all session. Last session for Pool 3.

Rank 4 moves up from Pool 2 into Pool 1 for the final. For ranks 5, 6, 7 and ranks 8, 9, 10 this is the last session, and those scores carry into team formation.

Day 4

Tue 10/6

Final Evaluation

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

4 goaltenders · ranks 1, 2, 3, 4

Two teams from inside the pool. No outside opponent at Squirrt.

Ranking is refreshed after every session. Rank 4 can climb into the final, which is why every session is scored.

Final placement: 4 in the Day 4 final, 3 finishing in Pool 2, 3 in Pool 3 = 10 goaltenders balances

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12U goaltenders

4 goaltenders. The three girls levels share both goaltender skills blocks on Saturday September 26 on the Gold Rink.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

All 4 goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM. Session 2, live action drills, 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

Shared with the 10U and 15U goaltenders. Scoring is per level, against the 12U benchmark.

After the skills sessions. The goaltender ranking is set for the level and carries into Day 2.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Gold Rink · 9:00 - 10:15 AM

Evaluation scrimmage, full level

4 goaltenders, 2 per team. Ranks 1 and 3 on Team 1, ranks 2 and 4 on Team 2, changing teams at the break.

After the morning scrimmage. The goaltenders ranked 1 and 2 go to Pool 1, ranks 3 and 4 to Pool 2. Both pools skate again the same afternoon.

DAY 2

Sun Sept 27 · Gold Rink

Pool practices

Pool 2, 1:15 - 2:15 PM. 2 goaltenders, ranked 3 and 4.

Pool 1, 2:30 - 3:30 PM. 2 goaltenders, ranked 1 and 2.

DAY 3

Tue Sept 29 · Gold Rink · 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Evaluation game

All 4 goaltenders, 2 per team, ranks 1 and 3 against ranks 2 and 4.

After Day 3. The top 3 goaltenders go to the Day 4 final game. For the fourth this is the last session of the week, and those scores still count toward placement.

DAY 4**Final game**

Sat Oct 3 · Gold Rink · 8:30 - 9:45 AM

3 goaltenders, ranked 1, 2 and 3, all three play.

Set in the policy, not here. Locked places, the coaches pick pool and how the top team is finalized are set in the STMA Tryout and Evaluation Policy, published with these documents.

Every session a 12U goaltender skates, and which ranks move between pools after each one.

12U Goaltender Movement, 4 Goaltenders

NWC Riverhawks. The three girls levels share both goaltender skills blocks.

Skills

Sat 9/26

Goaltender Skills

All 4 goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

4 goaltenders · Session 1, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM · Session 2, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Shared with the 10U and 15U goaltenders. Scoring is per level, against the 12U benchmark.

Day 2

Sun 9/27

Evaluation Scrimmage

Full level scrimmage

Gold Rink, 9:00 - 10:15 AM

4 goaltenders · ranks 1 and 3 on Team 1, ranks 2 and 4 on Team 2

Two per team, changing teams at the break.

Day 2

Sun 9/27

Pool Practices

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

2 goaltenders · ranks 1, 2

Pool 2

Gold Rink, 1:15 - 2:15 PM

2 goaltenders · ranks 3, 4

Day 3

Tue 9/29

Evaluation Game

Full level game

Gold Rink, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

All 4 goaltenders · ranks 1 and 3 against ranks 2 and 4

Two per team.

Day 4

Sat 10/3

Final Game

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 8:30 - 9:45 AM

3 goaltenders · ranks 1, 2, 3, all three play

Ranking is refreshed after every session. With four goaltenders at the level, the Day 3 game is what sets the final three.

Final placement: 3 in the Day 4 game, 1 finishing on Day 3 = 4 goaltenders balances

10U goaltenders

5 goaltenders. 10U goaltenders skate their skills sessions a week before the 10U skaters begin, alongside the 12U and 15U goaltenders.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

All 5 goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM. Session 2, live action drills, 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

10U skater skills are Saturday October 3 on the Blue Rink, 2:00 - 3:30 PM.

After the skills sessions. The goaltender ranking is set and carries into the Day 2 scrimmages.

DAY 2

Sun Oct 4 · Blue Rink

Scrimmages, full level

All 5 goaltenders in two groups, one group per game. Four 45 minute scrimmages, each a warm up then 4 v 4.

Group 1, 3 goaltenders, 11:30 AM and 4:15 PM. **Group 2**, 2 goaltenders, 12:15 PM and 5:00 PM.

After Day 2. All 5 goaltenders skate the Day 3 Pool 2 session. The ranking is refreshed and decides who goes to Pool 1 for Day 4.

DAY 3

Mon Oct 5 · Blue Rink · 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Pool 2 session

All 5 goaltenders, ranked 1 through 5. 30 skaters in two teams of 15. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

After Day 3. The goaltenders ranked 1 to 3 join Pool 1 for Day 4. For the other 2 this is the last session of the week, and those scores still count toward placement.

DAY 4

Tue Oct 6 · Gold Rink · 7:45 - 8:45 PM

Final session, Pool 1

3 goaltenders, ranked 1, 2 and 3, all three play. No final game and no outside opponent at 10U.

Every session a 10U goaltender skates, and which ranks move between pools after each one.

10U Goaltender Movement, 5 Goaltenders

NWC Riverhawks. 10U goaltenders skate their skills a week before the 10U skaters begin.

Skills

Sat 9/26

Goaltender Skills

All 5 goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

5 goaltenders · Session 1, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM · Session 2, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Shared with the 12U and 15U goaltenders. Scoring is per level, against the 10U benchmark.

Day 2

Sun 10/4

Scrimmages, Full Level

Group 1

Blue Rink, 11:30 AM and 4:15 PM

3 goaltenders · games 1 and 3

Group 2

Blue Rink, 12:15 PM and 5:00 PM

2 goaltenders · games 2 and 4

Day 3

Mon 10/5

Pool 2 Session

Pool 2

Blue Rink, 8:00 - 9:00 PM

All 5 goaltenders · ranks 1 - 5

30 skaters in two teams of 15. Pool 1 has no ice on this day.

Day 4

Tue 10/6

Final Session

Pool 1

Gold Rink, 7:45 - 8:45 PM

3 goaltenders · ranks 1, 2, 3, all three play

No final game and no outside opponent at 10U.

Ranking is refreshed after every session. Day 2 and Day 3 are both scored, so a goaltender can climb into the Day 4 group.

Final placement: 3 in the Day 4 session, 2 finishing on Day 3 = 5 goaltenders balances

15U goaltenders

2 goaltenders, and the shortest week of any level at three days. Both goaltenders skate every 15U session.

SKILLS

Sat Sept 26 · Gold Rink

Goaltender skills, both sessions

Both goaltenders. Session 1, skating fundamentals, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM. Session 2, live action drills, 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

15U skater skills are Saturday October 3 on the Blue Rink, 4:00 - 6:45 PM.

After the skills sessions. The two sessions set the 15U goaltender ranking, ranks 1 and 2, which carries through the week.

DAY 2

Sat Oct 10 · Blue Rink

Morning and afternoon scrimmages

Pool 2 morning, 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Ranks 1 and 2, one goaltender per team.

Pool 1 afternoon, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Ranks 1 and 2, one goaltender per team.

Both goaltenders skate both sessions.

After Day 2. With two goaltenders at the level there is no pool movement. Ranks 1 and 2 both skate the final game.

DAY 3

Sun Oct 11 · Blue Rink · 2:00 - 3:15 PM

Final game, Pool 1

Both goaltenders, ranks 1 and 2. The two goaltenders split the game. Three 15 minute periods with officials.

15U teams are named after high school tryouts. The 48 hour announcement window that applies at the other levels does not apply at 15U. Two 15U teams are projected, 15U A and 15U B, with one goaltender each.

Every session a 15U goaltender skates across the three day week.

15U Goaltender Movement, 2 Goaltenders

NWC Riverhawks. Three days, the shortest week of any level.

Skills

Sat 9/26

Goaltender Skills

Both goaltenders, Gold Rink

Gold Rink

2 goaltenders · Session 1, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM · Session 2, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Shared with the 10U and 12U goaltenders. Scoring is per level, against the 15U benchmark.

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Final Game

Pool 1

Blue Rink, 2:00 - 3:15 PM

Both goaltenders, ranks 1 and 2, splitting the game

Three 15 minute periods with officials.

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Final placement: both goaltenders in the final game, one per 15U team = 2 goaltenders balances

At the rink

How the rink runs during tryout week, and what a goaltender brings.

WHAT	HOW IT WORKS
Sessions are closed	Tryout ice and the locker room areas are closed to spectators for every session. This applies to all parents and to board and committee members alike
Nothing is streamed	LiveBarn is turned off for every tryout session. No session is streamed, recorded or broadcast
Contact during tryouts	There is no contact between parents and evaluators or coaches during the tryout. Anything necessary, including illness, injury and equipment problems, goes to John Swanson, Executive Hockey Director, jswanson@stmayh.org , copying hocdirector@stmayh.org for STMA or girlshocdirector@stmayh.org for NWC Riverhawks
Cost to try out	No player pays a fee to be evaluated for any team at any level
Your goaltender's ranking	Scores are confidential during the tryout. After teams are posted you may request your own child's individual evaluation report on the Post-Tryout Inquiry form. You receive your own child's ranking only, never another player's scores, ranking or placement
How long records are kept	Tryout scores are retained for 12 months for audit purposes, then destroyed

Check in and equipment

ITEM	DETAIL
Arrival	45 minutes before the first skills session, 30 minutes before every session after that. Goaltenders take longer to dress, so build that in
Tryout jersey	Issued at check in with socks. Goaltender cut jerseys are available, ask at check in if the one issued does not fit over the chest protector
Sticks	Bring two. A broken stick in the middle of an evaluated session costs a goaltender the rest of it
Skates sharpened	Session 1 is a movement session. Dull edges cost a goaltender on every push and recovery
Water bottle, named	Bottles are not shared. Put your goaltender's name on it

If something comes up

Each of these is a form rather than an email, so a request is documented and gets an answer. Submitting a form is a request, not an outcome. Every form link is published with the STMA Tryout and Evaluation Policy on the association website.

IF THIS HAPPENS	WHAT TO DO	FORM
Your goaltender will miss a session	Absences are excused in rare cases only. Submit the Excused Absence Request in advance and wait for an exemption before the session. An absence that was not approved beforehand is unexcused and scores zero for that session. With only two skills sessions carrying a large portion of the score, a missed skills session is very hard to make up.	Open form
Your goaltender is injured or ill	Submit the Tryout Injury Hold and attach the note from the treating provider. Without the provider note there is no hold.	Open form
You want your goaltender considered for a lower team	Submit the Lower Team Placement Request before teams are formed. Once teams are formed it cannot be actioned.	Open form

Also on the website. These forms are listed with the Tryout and Evaluation Policy on the association website.

Questions

Questions go to John Swanson, Executive Hockey Director, and the hockey director address for your program. STMA goaltenders, jswanson@stmayh.org and hocdirector@stmayh.org. NWC Riverhawks goaltenders, jswanson@stmayh.org and girlshocdirector@stmayh.org.

Evaluator names are not released. That is set in the Tryout and Evaluation Policy.

Rankings are refreshed after every session, which is what allows a goaltender to move up as the week goes on. Pools are emailed to families after each session, and teams are posted on the association website, emailed directly, or both.