

2025-2026 WCYHA 10u-14u Tryout Outline

Applies to Coed and Girls teams in the Squirt, Pee wee, and Bantam age groups. Mite evaluations will be a separate process.

- For the 2025-2026 season, there will be no 12u or 14u girl's tryout
- 14u Girls will tryout through Ozaukee

Goals of the Player Evaluation Process

- To evaluate and place each player on a team, based on demonstrated skill and knowledge of the game of ice hockey.
- To place players of like skills together, so they can effectively develop together.

Formal Evaluations

Formal evaluations will occur over approx. a 1week period which typically begins Early to Mid-September. Try-outs are grouped by USA Hockey age levels and are comprised of 1-2 nights for each age level.

Players not interested in trying out for an A or a B team should communicate their interest in being assigned to a C team or the lowest level at that age group via email to the Director of Hockey (coachreedc@gmail.com) at least 3 days before try-outs begin. The Director of Hockey makes the final say on whether a player will be allowed to forego tryouts and be placed on the C team or the lowest level at that age group.

All players are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of tryouts.

Try-out Format

Night 1 Initial Cut

- Goal: Evaluate Hockey Players and identify the A team players for final assignment on Night 2
 - Squirt Girls, Squirts, Pewee, Pee wee Girls, and Bantam
 - Up to 4 evaluated skaters will be automatically placed on their respective A team and will not be asked to tryout on night 2.
 - These rosters will be used to establish their respective team night practices
- Prior to Night 1, the Director of Coaching and Director of Hockey will assign head coaches to watch their respective age groups.

Night 2 Team Tryout

- Goal: Evaluate Hockey Players and finalize A and B team assignments.
 - Drills are determined by A / B team coaching staff. This is to finalize their roster.
 - A and B coaches will receive up to 3 coach picks.

Tryouts will start the week of 9/22/25

	SQA/10uA (Team cut) 6-7 PM		
Goalies 6:30 - 7:15p		SQB/PWB (Initial Cut) 6:30-7:45 PM	SQB/PWB (Team Cut) 6:30-7:30 PM
SQA/10uA (Initial cut) 7:30 -8:30 PM	PWA/BantA (Team Cut) 7:15-8:15 PM		
		12u Practice 8-9 PM	Bantam B Practice 8-9 PM
PWA/BantA (Initial Cut) 8:45-10 PM			

Goalies

- All goalies will be evaluated during the goalie evaluation portion of the tryout and during the A team night.
- All Squirts, Squirt Girls, PeeWee, and Bantams goalies are required to attend the goalie tryout.
- Squirt level players may participate in the selection process as a skater or goalie. If your skater is interested in committing to the goalie position full time at the Squirt Level, please contact the Goalie Lead and the Director of Hockey to express your interest and help us identify any equipment needs prior to evaluations. If no goalies try out for a particular level, it will be up to the head coach to work with his team to cover the goalie position for the season. If there is an established goaltender on a particular Squirt team and your skater tried out as a skater, but sometimes would like to play goalie, your skater is encouraged to notify the head coach of the desire to play goalie. Opportunities to play goalie may be accommodated at the head coach's discretion with the development of each player in mind.
- PeeWee level players and above may participate in the selection process as a skater or a goalie. Having a goalie selected for a team does not preclude another skater from playing goalie at times during the season.
- When there are more goalies trying out than there are teams, the Goalie Lead, Director of Coaching, and the Director of Hockey will use the tryout scores to determine team placement (A,B,C). Rostering more than 1 goalie or making a cut on a team will be discussed amongst the teams Head Coach, Director of Hockey, Goalie Leads, and Coaching Director.

Additional Tryout Information

- **Tryouts/Team Selection is a closed session. Parents are not permitted in the building once the session begins. Only personnel associated with the tryout process will be allowed inside. Parents are able to wait for their skaters in the lower lobby approx. 15 minutes prior to the end of their skaters respective session.**
- All players and their families must be current with all registration requirements and have their account in good standing in order to participate in the team selection process. "Good standing" is determined by, and in the sole discretion of, the Board of Directors.
- All personalized equipment (name on their jersey, name on their helmet, number on helmet, etc.), should be removed or covered prior to the evaluations. They will not be allowed to participate in evaluations until this has been remedied.
- Any player that is unable to participate in the team selection process for medical reasons or otherwise (that wants to try out for the top-tiered team) must submit a written (or emailed) request for their excused absence to the Director of Hockey. If the absence is excused/approved, a vacancy will be left at the top team for a maximum of two weeks. Within that period of time, the player will be evaluated by three people:
 - The Head Coach at the appropriate level
 - The Director of Hockey
 - The Director of Coaching

The player will be placed on the appropriate level team within two weeks of the team tryout completion. If a player's excused absence is medically related and involves an extended absence, the Director of Hockey will decide when and how to evaluate and/or place that player.

- The Director of Hockey will be responsible to design the drills used during the selection process that will cover a variety of skills including skating, stickhandling, and shooting. The selection process will also consist of a scrimmage which will be used to evaluate the skaters play during a game situation. Coaches will be responsible for running the on-ice portion of the selection process.
- All questions regarding the team selection process need to be submitted in writing to the Director of Hockey within 5 days of the teams being announced/posted. Evaluation forms will not be made available to the players or parents at any time; however, the Director of Hockey will summarize scores and comments regarding a player, if requested. Any parent may petition the Executive Board if they are not satisfied with the team selection process. However, any such petition does not guarantee anything than an inquiry into whether or not the tryout/team selection process was held in accordance with these provisions. If it is determined by the Executive Board that these provisions were not followed, the Executive Board has the right to remediate the situation as they deem necessary.

Rosters

- The Head Coach of the non-C teams at each level will fill the final three roster spots if they desire, with the approval of the Director of Hockey and the Director of Coaching.
- In level's where there are 2 C teams or 2 B teams, the teams will be split up into 2 skill balanced teams.

- Upon completion of the team selection process, final rosters will be compiled for each team. To keep evaluators and coaches focused on the team selection process, all teams will be announced within 24 hours of the last level selection process. Note: Complete final rosters may be affected by excused absences of a player. In these situations, rosters will be finalized within two weeks of the teams being announced.