



2025-26 RAYHA Boys Traveling Tryout Procedures

EVALUATORS

Paid outside/independent D1/D3 college and professional players will evaluate all sessions, along with one coach for the specific team being selected (ie. session 1,2 and 3 will have the A coach present; session 3 will also have the B coaches present). Each session will consist of four graders and one coach equaling 5 scores per skater per session. The graders will rank each player's hockey skills, compete level, and hockey sense.

ON ICE SESSIONS

Each skater will skate in a total of three (3) on ice sessions. Each goalie will skate in four (4) total on ice sessions, including three (3) skater/goalie combined sessions, and one (1) goalie only session.

Session 1 and 2

Players are separated into "Silver" and "Black" groups to reduce the number of players on the ice at the same time. Each group will include an equal number of returning "A" and "B" players along with players who are looking to make the "A" or "B" team for the first time. These sessions will consist of skills (drills) and a scrimmage.

Session 3

Following Session 2, evaluators will place players and goalies into their Session 3 group assignments either "Red" or "White". The "Red" session will be players in the C and lower B pool, and the White session will be players in the A and upper B pool. Scores from Sessions 1 and 2 will carry forward into Session 3. Final team roster assignments will be made following the conclusion of all Session 3 ice time.

INJURED/SICK PLAYER

If a player will miss one or more tryout session(s) for medical or health related reasons, the parent must communicate the reason for missing in writing prior to the tryout date. This request will be reviewed by the Tryout Committee and team placement will be decided based on the below criteria:

- 1) The player's attended tryout scores (current or prior year).
- 2) Prior year(s) team placement
- 3) Recommendation from prior season(s) coaches
- 4) Discussion with current season head coaches

If a player is unable to finish tryouts, the player must contact the Tryout Committee immediately. Players that need to miss a tryout session due to non-medical or injury reasons must notify the Tryout Committee.

PROJECTED TEAM SIZES

Based on registration projected teams and numbers of players on each team for the upcoming season will be as follows:

Squirt: A, B1, C – (10 – 13 skaters) and 2 goalies

PeeWee: AA, B1, C – (11 – 13 skaters) and 1-2 goalies

Bantam: AA, B1, C – (13 – 16 skaters) and 1 -2 goalies

GOALIES

The GOALIE ONLY tryouts will be run by Hartzell Hockey and will focus on the following items:

- 1) Goalie specific skating/edge work
- 2) Goalie specific movements ie: east and west between the pipes. Movement in and out of the crease, puck tracking.
- 3) Goalie fundamentals: butterfly, Glove/Blocker, RVH, maintaining good position and puck tracking
- 4) Goalie IQ overall knowledge in Goalie specific movements/ positioning.

No game play during Goalie only sessions

After Goalie only session Hartzell hockey coaches will rate players in each level top to bottom no longer will goalie only session count as 50% of overall grade. Goalies rankings will follow them into level specific tryouts.

Level specific tryouts will be graded by Hartzell Hockey

Hartzell Hockey graders will be continuing to look at mentioned skills during Goalie only tryout as well as:

- 1) Game play
- 2) Goalie IQ during game play
- 3) Goalie specific movement during game play
- 4) Hartzell Hockey will be using the SkillShark grading system used by RAYHA in addition to their own ranking system during level specific tryouts.