



WHITBY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION REGARDING NOVICE (born 2002) REP TRYOUTS

March 2010

What is the procedure for determining which tryouts a player should attend?

WMHA has a mandatory tryout rule which includes the following aspects for Novice:

- All players born in 2002 who played in the 2009/10 Tyke Silver Stick or Tyke Select division **must** start at the Novice AAA/AA tryouts in order to play 2010/11 Representative hockey at Novice AAA, AA, A or AE.
- Silver Stick division players born in 2003 **may** start at the combined Novice AAA/AA tryouts, however, they are only eligible for the AAA team and must be evaluated as a top five forward/defense player or top two goalies, per section 4.8 of the Rules of Operation. Parents of any 2003 player who believe their child fits the above criteria must submit a request to the VP, Rep to attend AAA tryouts.
- All 2009/10 Tyke Foote and Primeau players **may** attend the Novice AAA/AA and/or A/AE tryouts, it is your choice as to which level to begin tryouts. Suggestion: Start where you feel the player has a realistic opportunity to make the team.

What can we do if our player does not wish to play on a certain team?

The mandatory tryout rule was implemented to allow the coach to present his program or address any issues, real or perceived, and have the players who should be playing at a certain level do so. After the initial contact with the Coach or Rep Director (for Novice tryouts), if the parent wishes they can ask for an exemption. The Coach and/or Rep Director has the choice to grant the exemption or not. The parent can appeal the decision to the Rep Committee for review and if they are not in agreement may appeal to the Executive Committee. Note: We have never had a request reach the Executive Committee stage, we have always managed to reach consensus with the parties involved prior to that stage. Parents are required to ask for an exemption at each level (AAA, AA, A).

Our player has exceptional talent and we feel they should be playing at a higher level (i.e. Novice AAA player moving to the Minor Atom AAA team), how could we do this?

This option is only available at the AAA level and only if the player involved is determined to be in the top 5 players or top two goalies, per section 4.8 of the Rules of Operation, at the level they wish to move to. This decision will be made by the Rep Committee if a request is received. It is the association's position that all players should play at their own age level.

Can you explain the procedure followed when a player is "released"?

A release means the player is no longer a candidate for the particular Representative team at the level for which the player was trying out. Coaches may only release players after the second tryout. If a player misses tryout #1 they may be released after tryout #2. Coaches may use a variety of methods (posters/letters, etc) to communicate to the players whether they have been released or not invited back to the next tryout. The final release after the final tryout must be done by a letter or a personal interview.

What do the tryouts cost?

The tryout cost is \$60 per person for a Tryout Passport, which is available for purchase at www.whitbyhockey.com.

If I have a question during tryouts who do I talk to?

The Rep Directors try to attend all tryouts. Check with the team staff or the people at the door and they can direct you to the appropriate person. If there is no Director in attendance please feel free to contact them. If you wish you can also email the VP Rep vprepteams@whitbyhockey.com with any questions.

Tryouts are a stressful time for all and it is important that the parents prepare the player for all eventualities. The player that is not successful in making a team is upset enough without having their parent lose control. I know of no coach that takes any pleasure in the release process but it is an integral part of Rep hockey and we can only ask that if there are any concerns they be addressed in the appropriate manner.



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With so many players at tryouts, how do the coaches make an effective evaluation of the players?

For a few age categories where we experience large numbers trying out for the Rep team the first 2 sessions will be broken into two 1-hour sessions and players will attend by surname (see *schedule*). After the 1st releases all the remaining players will be consolidated.

For the Novice Division, players trying out for the Representative teams will be evaluated by a Player Selection Panel (with panel members will be chosen by the Rep Committee) and placed on teams based on the panel's opinion of the player's ability. This procedure was implemented to create an impartial tryout process for the Novice Division. Please note: If there is an assigned Head Coach for any of the Novice Rep teams the Head Coach will provide feedback and participate in the selection process.

Does the player need to bring the receipt from the 2010/11 registration?

Providing you registered on or before Wednesday, April 7th, the player's name will be in our database. If you registered after the above-mentioned date, you will be required to bring along a confirmation of your registration.

When are the tryouts?

The Novice tryout dates are as follows; you should arrive approximately 45 minutes prior to each tryout.

Date	Pad	Time	Duration	Division		Level	Tryout #
Monday April 12	IPSC 5	5:30PM	1	Novice	Last Name: A - K	AAA/AA	1
Monday April 12	IPSC 5	6:30PM	1	Novice	Last Name: L - Z	AAA/AA	1
Friday April 16	IPSC 6	4:45PM	1	Novice	Last Name: L - Z	AAA/AA	2
Friday April 16	IPSC 6	6:15PM	1	Novice	Last Name: A - K	AAA/AA	2
Sunday April 18	IPSC 5	10:30AM	1.5	Novice		AAA/AA	3
Monday April 19	IPSC 5	6:00PM	1.5	Novice		AAA/AA	4
Thursday April 22	IPSC 5	5:00PM	1.5	Novice		AA	5
Saturday April 24	IPSC 2	9:00AM	1	Novice	Last Name: A - K	A (blue)/A (white)/AE	1
Saturday April 24	IPSC 2	10:30AM	1	Novice	Last Name: L - Z	A (blue)/A (white)/AE	1
Tuesday April 27	IPSC 2	4:30PM	1	Novice	Last Name: L - Z	A (blue)/A (white)/AE	2
Tuesday April 27	IPSC 2	6:00PM	1	Novice	Last Name: A - K	A (blue)/A (white)/AE	2
Monday April 29	IPSC 5	5:00PM	1.5	Novice		A (blue)/A (white)/AE	3
Saturday May 1	IPSC 6	12:45AM	1.5	Novice		A (white)/AE	4
Wednesday May 5	IPSC 5	5:00PM	1.5	Novice		AE	5