



Enfield Hockey Association  
Travel Team Tryout Policies and Procedures

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Amended by the Tryout Committee 2/23/18

A five person tryout committee was created to ensure the tryout procedures are fair and impartial. The tryout committee consisted of the VP of Operations, VP of Player and Coaching Development, and three current EHA approved coaches.

Tryouts:

1. Tryout Defined:
  - a. A tryout is defined by the selection of players made in a fair and impartial process. The Enfield Hockey Association (EHA) has implemented the following policies and procedures that govern our travel team tryouts, as applicable.
  - b. The goal of the tryout is to be run in a challenging and upbeat manner to bring out the best in all those trying out for an EHA travel team.
  
2. Tryouts will be used as a process to select travel teams Mites through Midget Divisions. All players who would like to play for an EHA Travel Team will go thru a designated tryout process to evaluate skills and full ice scrimmage. The players will be evaluated on a three (3) number scoring system documented on the evaluation sheet
  - a. 1 needs improvement
  - b. 2 meets expectations
  - c. 3 exceeds expectations
  
3. The following criteria will be evaluated by the committee:
  - a. Skating
  - b. Puck Skills
  - c. Shooting
  - d. Game Awareness
  - e. Goaltending Skills
  - f. Evaluation forms completed by the head coaches during the current season

5. All players wanting to be selected for an EHA Travel Team are encouraged to attend all assigned sessions. If you cannot make a tryout session, it will be a missed opportunity to be evaluated by the tryout committee.
  - a. The tryout format established by the tryout committee will consist of the following:
    - Skills
    - Scrimmage/Game Play
  - b. The on ice staff running the tryout will consist of:
    - Impartial designee appointed by the Board of Directors
    - Current, approved and certified EHA coaches

Note: The EHA Board of Directors approved head coach(es) for that division of the following season will not be allowed on the ice to run the tryout evaluations.

Evaluation Forms:

1. Evaluation forms will be collected from the evaluators after each tryout session and held by the current President of EHA.
2. Evaluation forms will need to be completed entirely by the evaluator by the end of that tryout session.
3. Evaluation forms will be held by the current EHA President for one year after the selection of teams and then destroyed.

Evaluators:

1. The tryout committee will select the tryout evaluators from a list of the following areas:
  - a. Certified Coaches
  - b. Impartial board member(s) or designee(s) with an in-depth knowledge of hockey
  - d. Referee Director
2. No evaluator can evaluate a division tryout in which he/she has relative(s) participating in that tryout. A relative is defined as a son, daughter, niece, nephew, cousin, grandchild or stepchild.
3. The evaluators will consist of a minimum of three and maximum of a five person committee evaluating per session. Evaluators are recommended to attend all three sessions. If an evaluator cannot commit to this, the tryout committee will then replace that evaluator with another that meets the requirements of the above list.

4. The selection of players will take place in a closed conference room. The only people allowed in the selection room will be the
  - a. Evaluators of that division
  - b. VP of Player Development
  - c. VP of Operations
  - d. Current President of EHA
  - e. EHA Board approved Head Coach(es) for division for the season being discussed.
  
5. The President, VP of Operation, and/or VP of Player Development will facilitate the selection process. The evaluators and head coaches for the upcoming season will have input in the selection of the teams by discussing each of the players that have tried out. The President, VP of Operations, and VP Player Development will be in attendance to answer any questions but will have no voice in the selection of teams unless he/she is an evaluator.
  
6. After all tryout sessions have been completed and the selection committee has made their selections team rosters will be posted for each team on the EHA website within seventy two (72) hours after the last tryout session. Each team will list the roster of players, and the name of the head coach. Assistant coaches will be selected at a later date.
  
7. At the time of the selection process, a player(s) may be denoted as a practice player(s) at the Mite and Squirt level. This player(s) will be placed on the lower team and the head coach will need to contact the player(s) within twenty four (24) hours after the last tryout session to discuss the situation. A practice player(s) will only be charged for half the amount of a full year. Prior to 12/31 of that year, the player(s) will be re-evaluated to determine if then the player(s) can move to a full time player(s).
  
8. The composition of a full team will consist of a maximum of 20 players, in which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. This is per Rule 201 Compositions of Team from USA Hockey. The minimum amount will consist of ten (10) skaters and one (1) goalie. An EHA Board of Directors vote will be required if the minimum amount is not met to determine the future of the team.

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