

SELECT & TOURNAMENT TEAM GUIDELINES & RULES
EASTON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
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Forward

The following rules and guidelines represent the spirit under which EYHA will administer its Select and Tournament Team program. Every attempt will be made to ensure that they are administered fairly for all concerned.

Should the President, Vice President, Division Ace Coordinator, and Team Coach agree unanimously that an exception or alteration is required in a specific case, they will do so within the spirit of this document and with the full support of the Board of Directors.

Interference in the selection process is prohibited. Any evidence of interference in the selection process will disqualify the offending party from participating on any EYHA select or tournament team for the upcoming season.

Select Program Mission

The Easton Youth Hockey Select & Tournament program is designed to offer the participants of Easton Youth Hockey Association a competitive playing environment that further develops skills and enjoyment of the game in conjunction with their house hockey league schedule. A primary goal of the EYHA Select Program is to develop the players' skill level to the extent that he/she is prepared to advance to the next level of play.

Objective

Easton Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) supports one select team at the mite, squirt, peewee, and bantam divisions, if there is enough interest and players to fill each team. Further, IF there is a demand and there are players with the proper skills and enough coaches EYHA will consider supporting a tournament team within each age division. The select and tournament teams are comprised of players who have been evaluated and chosen in an open tryout to participate on a team that will play additional games and tournaments under the EYHA banner. Players are chosen based on above average skills and team play as determined by the select and tournament team head coach and independent evaluator(s).

Head Coach Selections

- EYHA Board of Directors will accept self nominations for the select team and tournament team head coach position for each division (Squirt, Peewee, & Bantam) at a date prior to the September Board Meeting. Applications must be submitted online through the EYHA website.
- EYHA Board of Directors will review nominations for each division select and tournament team head coach at the September board meeting.
- Select and tournament team head coaches will be named before the select tryouts, when possible, based on the board majority vote.
- Players of the board selected head coaches (select and tournament team) will be evaluated during the open tryout to earn a spot on the team.
- EYHA will not accept or determine any assistant coach assignment until the team roster is complete.

Open Try-Outs

- Open Tryouts: All EYHA Players in good standing are eligible to try-out.
- One open tryout will be held in September for each division to measure players skating and skill level in addition to your fall evaluation scores. Evaluations will be run by the select and tournament team head coaches and outside evaluators. There may be on ice helpers to assist in running drills. The on ice helpers do not have any input in the selection process.
- The select and tournament team head coach, outside evaluators, and EYHA president, vice president, and divisional ace coordinator will meet to finalize the individual select rosters before player notification.
- Any evidence of interference in the selection process will prohibit any coach or member from participating on any EYHA select team for the upcoming season.
- The tryout in each division will be for BOTH the select and tournament team. If there are enough players to field both a select and tournament team then team assignment will be determined by this evaluation in addition to house evaluation scores. Families will not be able to "choose" their team. The teams will be determined in order of performance, meaning the top scorers will field the select team and then the next group will field the tournament team.
- The select team will be filled first.
- If there are enough qualified players to comprise a competitive tournament team and there is coaching support, a decision will be made to fill a tournament team roster.
- There will be a fee for the tryouts as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Tryout information will be posted on the league website and emailed to all members.
- Players must attend the evaluations unless otherwise approved by the divisional ace coordinator in conjunction with the select head coach.

Evaluation Guidelines

- The select and tournament player evaluations will be based on skating and skill evaluation as well as game situation play.
- Goalie Evaluations:
 - o Select and tournament team goalie evaluations will be held during the player evaluation by division.

Please note

- The decision to field BOTH a select and tournament team will be decided at the time of evaluations.
- The decision as to field either only a select team or both a select and tournament team will be determined by the number of players who attend the evaluation, the ability of those players to perform at a higher level, and if there are coaches who commit to coaching these teams.
- Board approval will be required to field two teams. Finally, there will be NO additional tournament teams formed following the September evaluations.
- All teams must be finalized at the select and tournament team evaluations.

Player Notification & Acceptance

- Every player will receive a telephone call from the head coach indicating if the player has been awarded a position on the select or tournament team roster.
- Players that have not been selected will be called and receive positive feedback on skills for improvement as determined by the independent evaluators.
- Parents will enter a verbal agreement with the coach to accept the roster position on the select and tournament team.

- A contract will be sent electronically to the parent indicating the required deposit and fees for the upcoming season.

Inclusive in the contract will be the following:

1. The USA Hockey Safe Sport Parent/Player Contract
2. The State of Ohio Parent/Player Concussion Contract
3. The EYHA Parent/Player Code of Conduct

All of these documents must be signed and returned to the league along with the initial deposit in order to secure a roster spot.

Select/Tournament Team Player Fees

- All select/tournament team costs are the responsibility of the chosen members. Expenses will be divided evenly between all Players on the roster.
- Select and Tournament Team Fees will be approximately \$400.00 for mites and \$500.00 for squirt, peewee and bantam. Players/Parents by division will be notified of any additional expenses or refunds. (to be determined)
- Any money left over at the end of the season above the amount of \$25.00 per player will be returned to the families. No extra funds will be used for any ancillary purchases.

Fees include

1. Ice Cost
2. Referee fees
3. Tournament entry fees
4. Jerseys and socks
5. Skills coach

Expenses responsible to families in addition to the Select/Tournament Team fees

1. Hotel: Members are required to stay in hotel room blocks, if mandated by tournament rules. If tournaments do not require it, members may book their hotels independently or the select team manager may obtain a group block at a local hotel at a discount group rate. Most hotels range from \$89-\$129.00.
2. Food: Everyone is responsible for his or her own meals.
3. Player & Family Transportation
4. Some tournaments do charge an admission fee.

Payments

All payments for select team members will be made payable to EYHA.

- Payments can be made online www.eyhaicedragons.com or mailed to EYHA, P.O. Box 30381, Gahanna, OH, 43230
- Any player accepting a position on the select team roster must have all house league fees paid in full.

Team Guidelines

- The select and tournament teams should strive to meet the USA Hockey ADM recommended practice ratio of 3 practices to 1 game. There is the understanding that the select and tournament teams are running in conjunction with the house program. However, the EYHA board, select and tournament team coaches and parents need to be mindful of the USA Hockey ADM guidelines. Information regarding the USA Hockey ADM can be found on the EYHA website or the USA Hockey website.
- The EYHA Board will set the select and tournament team season start and end dates at the time teams are formed.
- A player cannot miss any regular season house games because of a select team event.
- Players must participate in all select team events.
- Select and tournament team players, coaches and parents are representatives of EYHA and as such should be mindful of their words and actions and shall abide by the EYHA code of conduct guidelines.

Tournaments and Games

- Each select team will play approximately 15 games for the season.
 - o The amount includes two (2) tournaments and home and away games with local organizations.
 - o If a select or tournament team would like to participate in an additional (third) tournament:
 - The individual team would need to conduct a team vote and submit for approval of the EYHA Board by the January Board Meeting.
 - The fees for the additional tournament would not be included in the EYHA select fees. This would be an additional cost to the select and tournament team families.
 - EYHA will set aside two (2) blackout weekends to allow select teams to attend tournaments. They are MLK in January and President's Day in February.
 - o The Select and Tournament team coordinator will review and recommend the tournament schedule (dates and locations) to the EYHA board and select/tournament team head coaches in a timely manner. This will give all parties involved the opportunity to review and provide input before the EYHA board approval.

Practices and Non-Tournament Games

- Every attempt will be to schedule as much of the select and tournament team ice preseason through the league ice scheduler.
 - o When possible practice sessions will be shared half ice sessions with other EYHA select and tournament teams.
 - o Practice and game ice will be booked through the EYHA league ice scheduler and approved by the board.
 - o Local non-tournament games will be scheduled by the select team coach and/or team manager.
 - o EYHA Board and select coordinator will review the individual practice and game schedules throughout the season to ensure a proper balance between the house and select schedules.

Select and Tournament Team Attire

- The select and tournament team coordinator will coordinate the jersey order for all teams in conjunction with the EYHA jersey coordinator. The select and tournament team jerseys will be the same.
- Select team players cannot wear select team jerseys during their regular team practices.

Select Team Coordinator

The EYHA Board of Directors will appoint a volunteer "Select Team Coordinator" to coordinate a tournament schedule. The coordinator's duties will include, but not be limited to:

- Work closely with league treasurer to create a budget and review expenses for the select teams.
 - o The treasurer will supply the coordinator with a framework/template in which to create and monitor the budget.
- Work closely with league ice scheduler and the team managers to monitor the practice schedule and referees.
- Every attempt will be to schedule as much of the select and tournament team ice preseason through the league ice scheduler.
 - o When possible practice sessions will be shared half ice sessions with other EYHA select and tournament teams.
 - o Practice and game schedules will be booked through the EYHA ice scheduler and approved by the board.
- A liaison between all Select Team Managers and the EYHA Board of Directors.
- The Select and Tournament team coordinator will review and recommend the tournament schedule (dates and locations) to the EYHA board and select/tournament team head coaches in a timely manner. This will give all parties involved the opportunity to review and provide input before the EYHA board approval.
- Schedule all select tournaments and coordinate hotel reservations with the select team managers.
- Coordinate with the Jersey Coordinator to order and have printed the select team jerseys.
- Select and tournament team managers and/or coaches are responsible for keeping of budget and reporting monthly to the select team coordinator, who will in turn report to the Board during the monthly Board Meetings.