

## **Southern Stars**

## **Mite – Bantam Tryout information and procedures**

Southern Stars shall teach and promote the fundamental skills needed to play developmental and competitive hockey among our youth players in a positive, fun, safe, and nurturing environment. Our tryouts are designed to ensure that each player is placed on the team that will enable them to fully develop their hockey skills at an appropriate pace and that they will have a positive playing experience.

To that end, we have designed a try-out process that meets those goals. Before the start of the season try-outs, by age level, will be held for players wishing to participate on a travel team.

### **Try-out Procedure:**

1. For each age level, 3 try-out sessions will be scheduled.
2. The 3rd try-out session will be on an "as needed" basis as determined by SCYH.
3. Players must attend a minimum of 2 out of 3 try-outs, exceptions may be granted "for cause" by the approval of the SCYH BOD.
4. Players should not wear any jersey that displays their name.
5. Players should plan to arrive in enough time to check-in and get properly dressed. Check-in can often take 15 minutes in line.
6. Player/parent **MUST** register online. Fee is \$75.00 (Peewee/Bantam) and \$50.00 for Mites/Squirts. All goalies try-out free.
- 6A. Walk-ins should be prepared to come in early to use our computers to register and pay the tryout fee online. We will have a limited number of computers for you to use.
7. Upon check-in, all players will be issued a player number that must be pinned to the back of the player jersey.
8. This player number should be used for all 3 try-out sessions (do not throw it away, do not lose it).
9. Any previous balance owed to SCYH/MIP must be paid in full in order to try-out for a travel team.

### **Evaluation Guidelines**

Evaluations shall consist of skill evaluation in the areas of skating, passing and receiving, stick handling, shooting, play making, stamina, and checking (if applicable). Goaltenders will be also evaluated based on their skill in making saves and controlling rebounds. Players may also be evaluated in scrimmage or game like situations to determine positional play and competitiveness.

Players may be asked to exhibit the following:

Skating - Stride, Edges, Speed, Crossovers, Forwards & Backward Skating  
Hands- Puck Handling, Shooting, Passing, Control  
Effort – Small Area Battles, Consistency  
Competitiveness – Communication, Intensity, Work Ethic

Coach Evaluations from prior season (if applicable) will also be considered when placing players onto the appropriate team. Coaches will evaluate each player on skating, puck and shooting skills, game sense and character. These previous coach's evaluations are not used to rank the individual players for team selection, but are used as a tool to assist in making team selections as necessary.

1. SCYH will use a combination of Southern coaches and independent evaluators for the player evaluations
2. Evaluators use a number of criteria beyond pure hockey skills. Factors such as strength & conditioning, tactics, ability to understand a system, ice strategy, and player's mindset may all be factors in a final decision.
3. At times, players may be broken down into smaller groups for evaluation.
4. Coaches will not be on the ice during the tryout for the age classification that they coach.
5. Our goal at SCYH is to have "A spot for every player." In an effort to accomplish this we will form Light Travel teams as necessary to accommodate teams with low player enrollment or for teams as they leave the house level of play.

### **Player Placement**

Team selection will be based on a combination of player ratings obtained during tryouts and player evaluations from the coaches from the prior season (if applicable). Players will be placed on a team based on all aspects involving the game of hockey, not solely on their skills. Coaches typically take into consideration the ages of players with comparable skills, and may give preference to players in their last year of eligibility in a particular division. Additionally, with comparably skilled players, preference may be given to players already playing for SCYH.

To ensure the most competitive evaluation environment possible for the benefit of all skaters, returning first Year "A" players are not guaranteed a spot as a second-year "A" player. The Head Coach of each team will be responsible for selection of their respective team. They will receive and review the input provided by the other members of the Evaluation Team.

Sometimes team levels need to be adjusted once the season starts, SCYH may, at the recommendation of a coach, move a team into or out of Tier II, Tier III, or the Open division if the team appears to be improperly placed.

### **Notification Procedure**

Players will receive a call from their new coach or a representative of the SCYH BOD no later than 24 hours after the final tryout session for their age level.

Commitment packages will be sent via email immediately following the phone notification. Signed commitment packages must be returned along with a deposit to SCYH within 24 hours of receipt to secure your position on the team.

### **Commitment Signing Procedure:**

The following items must be returned to SCYH in order to complete the signing process, these items will be included in the package you receive via email.

1. Signed "Letter of Commitment" form
2. Deposit in the amount of \$500.00\* (Cash, Check, Visa/MC, Discover)
3. Copy of Birth Certificate (if new to Southern)
4. Completed "Consent to Treat" form
5. Completed/Signed "Player Code of Conduct" form
6. Completed/Signed "Parent Code of Conduct" form
7. Any additional forms specified by the coach of your new team.

### **Additional Information**

SCYH BOD reserves the right to modify these guidelines, as necessary, in writing upon an annual review of our tryout procedures.

\*SCYH does have payment plans available. If you need to arrange one, please contact Kevin DeMarco, SCYH Treasurer.