

# DUXBURY TRYOUT POLICY

## I. Tryout Policy

1. It is the policy of Duxbury Youth Hockey (DYH) to conduct an annual placement tryout in the spring, optimally, prior to conference playoffs. The purpose of the tryout is to place players on teams of compatible skill and ability level. Once completed, the number of teams that DYH registers in the Yankee and South Shore Conferences is determined.
2. The tryout process is a consensus process, which places a high value on the coaches' ability to make the proper recommendations.
3. It is the policy of DYH to place 13 skaters plus 1 goaltender to each team whenever possible and for C teams NOT to have rosters smaller than A or B teams.
4. It is the policy of DYH to enter one A and one B team at the Mite level.
5. It is the policy of DYH to have one A and one B team at all levels for South Shore Conference at the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels.
6. Coaches MUST complete an evaluation for each of their players ranked both amongst the entire team as well as amongst first and second year players separately, and provide this information to the level director in a timely fashion. Coaches must not evaluate their own child.
7. Players who do not participate in the tryout process and have not signed a waiver (see waiver section) will be placed at the lowest level within the applicable age level program.
8. New players to the program who miss tryouts will be treated the same as players who missed the tryouts and will start at the C level.
9. Players will be provided numbers and pinnies to wear during tryout.
10. The director and coach can place players who miss tryouts due to a SERIOUS illness or injury at an appropriate level. The DYH Board will reserve the right to use its discretion to place players at the C level if there is an unexcused absence at the tryouts. The DYH Board will give ample advance notice to parents regarding the timing of tryouts.

## II. Tryout Procedure

### A. Organization

1. The level director will secure ice time for the tryouts. It is recommended that there be at least three hours devoted to the tryout process. The tryout will consist of scrimmage and skills sessions. The level director will

decide on the appropriate mix of time allocated for skills and scrimmage depending on the level of the tryout.

2. The level director will choose an evaluation team made up of a minimum of 4 and ideally 6 qualified evaluators, who have no children or players they coached in the previous season trying out at that level, and have been approved by the DYH Board. They will evaluate players at the skills and scrimmage session and forward their results to the level director.
3. The evaluators will be placed in the stands and will separate from each other.

#### B. Skills

1. The skills session of the tryout will consist of skill stations. Evaluators will evaluate each station. The same evaluators will evaluate each station.
2. The level director will select a person to run each skill station. The skill stations will demonstrate skating, stick handling, and shooting.
3. The level director will provide drills to be performed at each station from a predetermined list used for that level tryout.
4. The evaluators can speed up or slow down the drills if they feel it necessary.
5. After the skills session, the level director may excuse higher and/or lower skilled players from the scrimmage sessions with parental consent.
6. The evaluators will grade players on various skills using a 1-10 scale. (Whole numbers only and 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest.)

#### C. Scrimmage

The intention of the scrimmage policy is to place players of comparable skills and abilities in the same scrimmage. To accommodate this, we will follow the process outlined below.

1. Following the skills tryout the level director will use the skills scores and coach's evaluations and place players in a level 1 (higher) or a level 2 (lower) scrimmage tryout.
2. The evaluators will grade players on various skills using a 1-10 scale (whole numbers only).
3. The level 2 players will tryout in a scrimmage format and scores will be forwarded to the level director.
4. The level director may select some players from the level 2 scrimmage to participate in the level 1 scrimmage tryout.

5. The level 1 scrimmage scores will be turned over to the level director.
6. During the scrimmage session players will rotate to the forward and defensive positions.
7. Checking will be included in the Bantam level scrimmages.

### III. Team Selection

The scores from the scrimmage and skills session will be combined based on the following weighting process:

- a) Mites 50/50 scrimmage and skills
- b) Squirts 60/40 scrimmage and skills
- c) Pee Wee and above 70/30 scrimmage and skills

Following the scrimmage and skills session the evaluators, coaches, and level director will meet to review the tryout results. A representative from EVERY team MUST be present at the coaches meeting. The coaches, evaluators and level director will review the results and make placements based on a consensus of the coaches and level director input and the tryout results.

Second year players will be given priority over first year players in the event scores and evaluations are similar.

The level director will provide a list of players sorted by team placement (A, B, C) for Board approval. This player sort shall be signed by the coaches. Disagreements amongst the coaches, which cannot be resolved, shall be resolved by the level director. The recommendation by the level director shall be presented to the Board.

The DYH Board shall have responsibility for selecting the team.

### IV. Waiver Process

During registration, players may waive their right to a Spring tryout and in doing so will be placed at the C level waiving their right to advance.

### V. Penalties

Players who opt to leave the program following the tryout process and choose not to play in the current season can only return in subsequent seasons at a level that is not higher than level they left e.g., if a player is placed at a B level and leaves the program he will be limited to the B or C level his returning year.

### VI. Goalie Tryouts and Placement (Goalie tryouts was done by a different committee)

Final placement of goaltenders shall be at the discretion of DYH Board. The level director shall make a recommendation to the board for goaltender placement following an evaluation of the tryout scores with input from Coaches. Each Coach in the placement process shall prepare a separate evaluation from designed for goaltenders' tryouts.

Any player trying out as a goalie AND skater must declare BEFORE tryouts which is their priority position. They will be placed at the appropriate level at their priority position and will be allowed to play on an additional team at the discretion of the DYH Board, wherever possible.

A goalie skating out on another DYH team will always place their goalie responsibilities, including practices, as first priority.

The coaches' evaluation for Goalies will be used as a tool to place goalies at the appropriate level.

The waiver process is not applicable to goaltenders. All goaltenders must attend the goaltender tryouts.

Goalies who do not attend tryouts shall be placed at their appropriate level by the DYH Board based on input from the coaches and level director.

#### VII. Girls Program

As is the case for girls, girls playing in both the girls program and boys program will place the girls' team responsibility as the first priority.

#### VIII. Notification

Player placement will be posted on the DYH website upon completion of the process.