

## **Shrewsbury Youth Hockey Association 2012 Tryout Letter – Mite & Squirt**

Hello,

It seemed like it was only a month ago when the 2011 - 2012 SYHA season began, but the time has arrived for Player Tryouts for the 2012 - 2013 SYHA season.

We are continuing our format of having all players on the ice together which will allow the evaluators to be able to compare all of the skaters at one time.

### **Tryout Process**

We will be using Inside Edge hockey training to run and evaluate the players' tryout process. Inside Edge will provide four to five professionals to coordinate all on-ice skills as well as evaluating the players. Please note that no coaches will be involved in any part of the on ice evaluating except to help out in scrimmages and as on ice helpers to keep the players in line, retrieve pucks, etc.

We will separate the players by level and each player wears a numbered pinny.

Mites and Squirts will be trying out based on overall skill, not position. For squirts, however, if you want to be a full time goalie please dress a goalie to be evaluated.

The Mites and Squirts will be evaluated on the following 5 areas: Skating, Passing, Shooting, Stick Handling and Game Situation (scrimmage).

When the players take the ice they will be evaluated doing a number of skating, shooting, stickhandling and passing drills. The evaluators will instruct the players on which skill they will perform and do the drills initially themselves so the skaters understand what to do. Each player will be required to perform a number of skills and the evaluator will score each player as they perform the skill requested.

The Game Situation will evaluate players in a game situation environment. In the game situation it is important to note that all aspects of game situations will be evaluated including position, passing and all around team play. Please emphasize to your children that puck hogging; out of position play and end-to-end rushes are not good examples of team play and overall good hockey skills.

### **Placement Process**

Once the raw scores are received from Inside Edge hockey, the tryout committee will review the scores along with the coaches' player evaluations to determine the final tryout order of the players. The Tryout Committee will present to the Board of Directors with the recommended placements. Once the Board of Directors determines team sizes, they will be responsible for finalizing the team placements based on the evaluation scores. Please remember that there is no guarantee that your child will place at the same level that he/she played at this season.

Every child makes a team and they are placed on teams where they have similar skills and game situation ratings as their peers.

### **Tryout and Registration Fees**

Tryout and Registration fees must be presented before any skater will be allowed on the ice. Also, please have player(s) wear plain non descriptive Jersey's if possible. The payment process will be as follows:

\$300.00 2012 - 2013 Registration Fees and Deposit

Please register and pay online BEFORE attending tryouts. We will not be able to determine total fees for this coming year until we can determine the final number of all the playing next year and we receive the league fees and hourly practice ice cost. We estimate it to be approximately \$1100.00 for full ice teams. We will have a determination of the fees at this year's annual meeting.

All tryouts this year are at Buffone Arena on Lake Ave in Worcester. Please arrive at the tryout at least 30 minutes before your ice slot to receive your tryout pinny and get dressed for hockey.

## **Northstar League**

All our teams play in the NorthStar League which has a 2 rink facility in Westborough, just a few minutes away. Our teams play other hockey organizations from around Central Mass and they are slotted against other teams which have similar skill sets. 2 times during the season they adjust team placements to insure parity between the teams.

Our full ice teams play 25 games plus playoffs and the lower level mite teams play cross ice per Mass Hockey Association guidelines. The cross ice teams will cost less money as the league fee is cheaper than the full ice.

Team practices during the season are at the Buffone Arena on Lake Ave in Worcester.

Please register on the Shrewsbury Youth Hockey Website at the following link:

<http://www.syha.com/Registration/Default.asp?snid=eJNAX6D2%5B&org=syha.com>

Our number one goal is for all the children to have fun and have a fair and equitable placement process.

Thank You,  
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