

Shrewsbury Youth Hockey Association 2010 Tryout Letter

Hello,

It seemed like it was only a month ago when the 2009-2010 SYHA season began, but the time has arrived for Player Tryouts for the 2010-2011 SYHA season.

We will be continuing with our new format begun last year that will have 2 two hour tryout sessions with all of the players from a given level (i.e. mite, squirt, etc.) on the ice at one time. This will allow the evaluators to be able to compare all of the skaters at one time.

Scheduling

This year tryouts will begin on Monday April 26th and end on Thursday April 29th. The schedule is on the web site. We have scheduled the tryouts this year to be completely free of all playoff conflicts.

Tryout Process

We will be using Lovell Hockey Schools to run and evaluate the players' tryout process. Lovell Hockey Schools 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 tryout process or evaluating except for the use of coaches to help out in scrimmages and as on ice helpers to keep the players in line, retrieve pucks, etc.

We will separate the players for each level (Mite, Squirt and Peewee) into 4 groups (Blue, Black, Red and White) – just like previous years. Because of the limited number of Bantams this year we will be dividing the players into two groups.

The Bantams will be trying out by position, whereas the Mites, Squirts and Peewees will be trying out based on overall skill.

Mites, Squirts will be on the ice for 2-evaluation sessions (110 minutes each) – having the opportunity to skate against all the other players at that level. Because of the limited number of Bantams we will only need 2 hours on ice time to evaluate all the players and have the necessary scrimmage for the players.

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

The Peewees and Bantams will be evaluated on the following 6 areas: Skating, Passing, Shooting, Stick Handling, Situational Play (One on One's, Two on One's) and Game Situation (scrimmage).

When the players take the ice they will be separated into 4 groups. Each group will be sent to a station where they will be evaluated. The evaluators will be on the ice at each station and will instruct the players on which skill they will perform. Each player will be required to perform a number of skills at each station. The evaluator will score each player as they perform the skill requested.

Once they have been evaluated (approx. 8 minutes per station) they will move to the next station. Each evaluator will be evaluating 1 skill for the entire tryout process.

The Game Situation (approx. 50 minutes) 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 Tim Lovell, 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 placing the skaters on the teams. Please remember that there is no guarantee that your child will place at the same level that he/she played at this season.

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 2010 - 2011 Registration Fees and Deposit

Please register and pay online BEFORE attending tryouts. There will be no registration or payments done at tryouts. Please bring your registration and payment receipt to tryouts. We will not be able to determine total fees for this coming year until we can determine the final number of all the players in the league for next year. We will have a determination of the fees at this year's annual meeting.

Tryout Calendar

All tryouts this year are at Lake Ave Arena. Please arrive at the tryout at least 45 minutes before your ice slot to register and receive your tryout penny. Please make sure the coach of your team is notified of your absence.

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

Thank You,

Dave Butler and the rest of the Tryout Committee

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