



## River Lakes Hockey Association Tryout Selection Procedure

### Player Development Committee

**Purpose: River Lakes Player Development Committee (PDC) is committed to providing a fair, unbiased process for River Lakes Hockey (RLS) players to be evaluated at every level. This process is known as “tryouts”. Tryouts are held prior to each teams’ seasonal play.**

Evaluators are selected by PDC to rate a player’s skills and ability. The tryout evaluators are a group made up of experienced hockey knowledgeable coaches. They come from within RLS association and outside RLS. Typically an evaluation team consists of 5 members; 3 from RLS Player Development and 2 evaluators from outside the association. Tryout selection is a closed process. Parents, public, coaches and other skaters are not allowed in the rink during tryouts. A River Lakes Board member will be at the rink to ensure compliance to this process.

Evaluators are not allowed to participate in the level of play that they have a child at. Evaluators do not receive names of players at tryouts. The players are identified by the number and color of their jersey. The RLS President holds the master list of players’ names and corresponding jersey number. This applies to goalies as well as skaters’. Highly qualified goalie evaluators are to rate goalies in areas of skills and abilities. This is done in a goalie only tryout session. Goalies are also then rated on their game play in tryout scrimmages by the rest of the evaluation team.

Players in tryouts are evaluated through skills and scrimmages. Players participate in a minimum of 2 scrimmage sessions. Players not attending tryouts will be assigned to the lowest team in their level and evaluated with that team. Injured players unable to attend tryouts will be evaluated with the lowest team when able to return. These players are then placed on the appropriate team. Participation in the tryout process is permission for River Lakes Hockey to place skaters’ on the appropriate team based on evaluation results. Players that do not desire to be placed on an A level team should not participate in tryouts.

If players’ have submitted a request for a Waiver to move up to the next level that has been approved by the RLS board; the player should participate to the level they are moving up to. This is in extremely extraordinary circumstances in which the player will be waived up out of his peer group to tryout for an older age group. (See Play Up Waiver)

Tryout results will be posted on the River Lakes website home page under the Tryout tab within 48 hours of the last tryout session for the Association. Team Rosters are finalized by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

River Lakes Hockey Inc. has established policy regarding skater's that tryout for High School teams. If the skater will be trying out at the youth level and at the High School level, the skater must register with the association and pay all registration fees, including USA Hockey, prior to tryouts to be allowed on the ice. If said skater makes the High School team, they forfeit all registration fees but the required fundraising and volunteer hours will be waived. If the skater returns to the youth program, all required fundraising and volunteer hours must be filled.

If the skater does not make the High School team and had not previously registered and did not attend the River lakes Hockey Inc. tryout; they will be placed on the lowest level team after they have paid their Association registration fees and registered with USA Hockey. The volunteer and fundraising requirement will be required for this skater.

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