



TRYOUT CRITERIA 2011-2012 ORONO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The 2011/2012 tryout process, tentative dates and other information is as follows:

- **Bantams/14U, Peewees/12U:** pre-tryout clinics start in mid-September with actual tryouts sessions starting in early October.
- **Squirts/U10:** pre-tryout clinics will be held in Sept./Oct., actual tryouts will start after MEA around Saturday Oct. 29th

Pre-tryout skill clinics and optional High School coach clinics will be held in September for all travel levels, so watch for confirmation of exact dates and times. Beginning the week following, the Coaches Board will conduct Pre-Tryout Skill Clinics where players will work on conditioning as well as learn the drills that will be required during tryouts.

The following is an outline of the tryout process and grading criteria. We believe our tryout process/system is fair and places a player at the level where they will have fun and be successful. The best way for parents to approach tryouts is with encouragement for the players knowing they will be put on a team that is right for their skill level. We are also constrained by the number of players that we have in our association vs. other larger associations.

Squirt/Peewee/Bantam Teams

Individual Player Evaluation (IPE), 100 total points

- 60% of the IPE score will be based on drills emphasizing skating skills, stick handling, passing / receiving, and shooting
- 40% of the IPE score will be based on timed drills

5-on-5 Scrimmages, 105 total points per scrimmage

- Players will be judged based on positional play, aggressiveness, skating skills, puck skills, and their ability to read and react to game situations.

Cross Ice Scrimmages, 105 total points per scrimmage

- Similar to the 5 on 5 scrimmages, players will be judged based on positional play, aggressiveness, skating skills, puck skills, and their ability to read and react to game situations.
- Bantams will play 3 on 3
- Pee Wee/12U and Squirts/10U will play 4 on 4

Each player will be ranked numerically based on their scores from the Individual Player Evaluation (IPE), one 5 on 5 Scrimmage and one cross ice scrimmage from which the A/B pool and B/C pool split will be determined. After the players are split into pools, the players will participate in a 2nd Cross Ice Scrimmage and a 2nd 5 on 5 Scrimmage, with similar points awarded to each player as noted above.

Additionally, certain players will participate in a scrimmage vs. another association, as described below.

Outside Scrimmage, 105 possible points (Bantam and 12U only)

- From the A/B pool, the top ~ 20 skaters and two or three goalies will participate (based upon the number of players agreed-upon with the other association) (Note that should all players in the A/B pool not be able to participate in the outside scrimmage, they will automatically be placed at this point on the B-1 team)
- Similar to the 5 on 5 scrimmages, players will be judged based on positional play, aggressiveness, skating skills, puck skills, and their ability to read and react to game situations.

The numerical scores for each player from the final cross ice scrimmage, final 5 on 5 scrimmage and outside scrimmage (as applicable), along with their original IPE scores, will be used to determine the players final numerical ranking and team selection.

Note that the head coach has the discretion to move a player up/down by a total of 15% of a player's total score at the final player rankings. If the head coach elects to utilize this discretion, he/she will present the reasons for utilization to the members of the executive tryout group (consisting of the President of the Coaches Board, the Head of the Tryout-committee from the Coaches Board and the President of OYHA) for approval.

In the unlikely event that a 1st year and 2nd year player's scores are deemed to be in a statistical tie, the tiebreaker will go to the 2nd year player at the particular level, at both the A/B B/C pool split point and the final team rankings.

Girls 10U/12U/14U Teams

Individual Player Evaluation (IPE), 100 total points

- 60% of the IPE score will be based on drills emphasizing skating skills, stick handling, passing / receiving, and shooting
- 40% of the IPE score will be based on timed drills

Two 5-on-5 Scrimmages, 105 total points per scrimmage

- Players will be judged based on positional play, aggressiveness, skating skills, puck skills, and their ability to read and react to game situations.

Cross Ice Scrimmage, 105 total points

- Similar to the 5 on 5 scrimmages, players will be judged based on positional play, aggressiveness, skating skills, puck skills, and their ability to read and react to game situations.

Outside Scrimmage, 105 possible points (see above)

Each player will be ranked numerically based on their scores from the Individual Player Evaluation (IPE), one 5 on 5 Scrimmage, one Cross Ice Scrimmage, and the outside scrimmage (as applicable). The numerical scores for each player will be used to determine the players' final team selection. The head coach has the discretion to move a player up/down by a total of 15% of a player's total score at the final player rankings. If the head coach elects to utilize this discretion, he/she will present the reasons for utilization to the members of the executive tryout group (consisting of the President of the Coaches Board, the Head of the Tryout-committee from the Coaches Board and the President of OYHA) for approval.

In addition, in the unlikely event that a 1st year and 2nd year player's scores are deemed to be in a statistical tie, the tiebreaker will go to the 2nd year player at the particular level.

Finally, since OYHA has not had A/B B/C pool splits as part of the girl's tryout process (due to the player number differences in the boys program vs. the girls program), some of the players whose scores are at the 'top' of the

point total may, at the discretion of OYHA, be pulled out of the later tryout events and be assigned to the A team to give other players more grading exposure during the remaining tryout events.

14U: Note there will be no tryouts for 14U players as we anticipate our player numbers will again be enough for 1 team, but these players will still have clinics, skills and practices scheduled throughout September and October before official practices begin.

Opt-In Tryouts: Finally, girls will not have to participate in tryouts since there are only two teams they could make. Should they choose to opt out of tryouts, they will automatically be placed on the B-team of their given level.

Goaltenders:

Goalie IPE, 100 possible points

- Movement (stance, shuffle, pivot, T-push, Fwd/back, free, butterfly)
- Stick Saves (glove side, stick side)
- Glove Saves and Blocker Saves (technique/efficiency)
- Full V/Butterfly (technique, quickness)
- Half V's (glove side, stick side)
- Body Saves (technique, trapping)
- Recovery Saves (technique, quickness)
- Poke Checks (technique/efficiency)

Goalie Team Scrimmages, 100 possible points

- During all scrimmages (full ice and half ice), goalies will be judged based on positioning (angles), agility, stick use, glove use, blocker use and focus

Additional Information

If a player cannot make their assigned IPE time, they will be required to attend a different session already scheduled but must notify the coaches board 24 hours before. There will be no makeup time for players missing scrimmages. Before the IPE, there are two mandatory A coach clinic ice-times so the players will know the drills and give them a chance to start to get their hockey legs under them before the tryouts. These ice-times will be determined and posted on the OYHA web site. Please check out the web site for all your hockey information needs.

Please make sure all of your child's equipment is in good condition **and is the Orono color scheme**. Helmets and breezers should be dark blue. We want our teams to look good as well as be safe. For the tryout, all of the skaters should wear as generic a jersey as possible with no names on them, along with the appropriate helmet and breezer color. **Failure to not have the appropriate color schemes may result in the player not being able to participate in the tryout process.**

A separate goalie IPE will be scheduled for the goalies during the same weeks, at an offsite location to be determined. The goalies will be also be expected to participate in all tryout activities including the skater IPE and team scrimmages.

Each player will be graded by at least three different graders. Every effort will be made to utilize non-parent qualified graders. During scrimmages, a separate grader will be used to grade goaltenders. No parent will grade the level his or her child is on. Hiring graders from outside the organization is an option, which may be utilized and is at the discretion of the Coaches Board.

Contact the coaches board or the Orono Booster Board if you have questions or concerns. Contact information can be found under the "Board" tab on the www.oronohockey.org main page.

Absence Policy for Tryouts

The following absence policy is to be used by the Coaches Board (“Board”) to determine the placement of a player missing one or more of the tryout sessions. This policy is to be a set of guidelines for the Coaches Board in making their determination. This policy recognizes that there are a variety of factors that will need to be taken into account and that this policy cannot cover all situations. The final determination will be in the sole discretion of the Board that will endeavor to abide by this policy and its philosophy.

The tryout process is an important process for the Orono Hockey Association (“Association”) and is the process we use in placing a player on his or her team. Absence for tryouts should be strongly discouraged as it not only affects the missing player but also impacts the association and the quality of the tryout process for all involved. Missing players has been a continual problem in our tryout process. Full attendance is needed for the Association to conduct fair and effective tryouts for all players.

1. Voluntary Absence from Tryouts: A voluntary absence from tryouts exists when a player elects to miss tryouts [for any reason](#). A voluntary absence from a single tryout session would result in the player being placed at the lowest team level of his/her age group.

2. Involuntary Absence from tryouts: An involuntary absence from tryouts exists when a player misses tryouts due to conditions that are uncontrollable by the player or parents. These include but are not limited to such things as:

- An injury resulting in a player being unable to tryout or unable to complete tryouts;
- An illness resulting in player being unable to tryout or unable to complete tryouts;
- A mandatory absence (i.e. mandatory school function) that the coaches board is aware of and approves prior to tryouts.

Team placement of this player would be determined solely by the coach’s board in closed session. Considerations for team placement include but are not limited to:

- Performance in tryouts if partially completed
- Input from prior years coaches
- Prior year level of play
- Input from current and former coaches

Penalty Policy for Tryouts

An important tryout objective of the Orono Hockey Association is fairness and safety for the players. The safety of our players is a priority. If scrimmage sessions are conducted as a part of the tryout process, certified officials will be used. Penalty’s will be called and assessed. Any player receiving a penalty will serve his/her penalty in the penalty box, however teams will play even strength at all times. Inappropriate behavior exhibited by any player will be discussed by coaches board representatives and immediately addressed. This may include removal from the tryout process. As such, any removal of a player due to inappropriate behavior will be considered a voluntary absence from tryouts and follow the appropriate procedures.