

Tryout information

The purpose of tryouts is to have a systematic objective scoring of players to find the most appropriate skill level team groupings.

SRYHA has an open tryout, meaning the tryouts can be watched. Spectators can be a distraction to the players though, so these guidelines must be followed. Anyone not following these guidelines will be asked to leave the building.

1. No standing along glass/boards.
2. No approaching the team benches.
3. Recommend parents view from upstairs, but sitting in bleachers will be allowed.
4. No yelling, cheering or coaching from the bleachers.
5. Recommended to keep other children, who could become a distraction, at home.

Don't put unnecessary pressure on your child. All kids get an opportunity to play hockey regardless of what team they are on. They may play at several different levels during their youth hockey years, as all kids develop at different rates.

SRYHA attempts to use judges from outside the association and non-coach judges. The judges selected are knowledgeable and skilled in hockey. Parents should not attempt to find out who the judges are, nor should the parents or players approach a judge before or after the tryouts. The judges are not given any information about the players past placements, skill level, etc. They are solely judging the players on their performance during the tryout sessions.

Tryout dates and times can be found on the calendar pages. Players must attend all nights of tryouts. A missed night results in scoring of zero and is used in figuring their final scoring. Should a player have an illness or injury, immediately contact the SRYHA President or the Tryout Coordinator to discuss the situation and what needs to be done. An exceptions committee process may be used in determining placement in these instances, but that does not guarantee placement on the top level team. If you would miss tryouts for any other reason, contact the SRYHA President as soon as you know you would not be able to attend. No exceptions are guaranteed for missing for reasons other than illness or injury.

The first tryout session is skills and drills. A drill will be demonstrated and the player needs to perform the drill. The second and third sessions consist of scrimmages. Skaters will play both forward and defense. It is important to play like it is a game. Players are judged on several aspects such as skating, passing, shooting, catching passes, positioning, assists, skating, team play, sense of the game, offensive play, defensive play etc. They are not judged on just scoring or who gets to the puck the fastest. There will be assistants on the bench to help organize the positions the players will be during their shift.

When there are 3 or more teams at a level, the number of players for the final scrimmage night may be limited to the top 26-30 players in order to determine the top team. A player will be notified if they will not need to attend the 3rd tryout night.

Goalies are judged during 2 separate goalie only tryouts and also during the scrimmage sessions.

On occasion, help from a parent may be needed with the time clock or team benches during the tryouts. The Tryout Coordinator will determine what help is needed and will ask for the help. If a parent is used, that parent may not be on the same bench as their child and cannot coach or make comments to any players during the tryouts.

Tryout sessions

1. Players must wear green or white socks with the same color on both legs.
2. Remove name tape from helmets.
3. Be dressed and ready in the locker room at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
4. Players must stay in the locker room until the tryout coordinator tells them they can go to the ice.
5. Locker room assignments will be posted on the locker room door and players must be in their assigned locker room.
6. Players will be given a jersey to wear and should return that jersey at the end of each night. Do not request any specific numbers from those handing out jerseys.

It is also recommended that players get their skates sharpened prior to tryouts, get a good night's sleep and eat well.

Team placements will be posted on the SRYHA website following the final tryout. A time range will be given to the parents/players on the final day of tryouts. Final determinations could be delayed due to technical difficulties, exceptions committee reviews or verification of any scoring. Parents and/or players may contact the SRYHA President or Tryout Coordinator following the team announcements to discuss their placement, but any yelling or demeaning conversations will not be tolerated.

Cooperation with all aspects of the tryout process is appreciated and necessary from everyone to run a successful tryout. Thank you.

Players---remember to work hard and have fun!

Any questions, contact

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