



Question & Answers

Question: What Associations make up the MWAHA?

Answer: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fremont, Iowa City, Kansas City Youth, Kansas City Mid American, Lakes Area, Lincoln, Mason City, Omaha, Quad Cities, Sioux Center, Sioux City, Tri City, Waterloo, and Wichita.

Question: What Associations can have players tryout?

Answer: If your Association is listed above, your player may tryout.

Question: What age can tryout?

Answer: MWAHA players born in 2012 and 2013 may tryout.

Question: My player is a 2014 would they be able to participate in tryouts?

Answer: This is only for the 2012 and 2013 age groups.

Question: Can female players attend Tryouts?

Answer: Yes, any MWAHA player that was born in 2012 or 2013 may try-out.

Question: Can my player play up age groups?

Answer: No, players are not allowed to play up.

Question: Are tryouts required to make one of the teams?

Answer: Yes, tryouts are required to make one of the teams.

Question: Does my player need to attend both open tryouts to make final tryouts?

Answer: No, players only need to make one of the Open Tryouts to be considered for Final Tryouts.

Question: My player did not play on a travel team last year; would they still be able to participate in tryouts?

Answer: Yes, but it would be wise to talk to your local coach or Hockey Director for guidance regarding tryout participation as these team are recommended for the top players among all the MWAHA Associations.



Question: My player doesn't plan on playing for any of the MWAHA Associations for the 2024-2025 season, are they still eligible to play for Team Midwest?

Answer: No, players will need to play for one of the MWAHA Associations during the 2024-2025 season to be eligible to play for Team Midwest.

Question: Who evaluates tryouts and who makes team selection

Answer: The non-parent coaches will evaluate the players during tryouts. The non-parent coaches will also be selecting the team and the alternates.

Question: How long will the season be?

Answer: It is anticipated these teams will be together for practices and games in Late July, August and early September. Then again in March and April.

Question: Are practices optional?

Answer: Practices are not optional. Players (both selected and alternates) need to attend two-thirds of the practice days in order to be eligible for games. This attendance rule applies for the preseason games and practices (late July, August, September) and then resets for the postseason games and practices (March and April).

Question: Will the schedule conflict with the Association Hockey Season?

Answer: It is anticipated that the schedule will not conflict with your Associations winter hockey season. Should there be a scheduling conflict, the Association Hockey season should take priority.

Question: Where will these teams travel to?

Answer: It is anticipated these teams will only travel in and around the Midwest.

Question: When is payment due?

Answer: Balance in full is due prior to the first practice.

Question: What do the costs cover?

Answer: The cost will cover practice time, games, coaches, coaches' travel cost, uniforms and other miscellaneous costs associated with operating the team.



Question: What expenses are not covered by the costs?

Answer: Expenses related to traveling to practices and games. Hotel costs if overnights are needed. It is anticipated that most locations will be drivable and airplane travel will not be necessary.

Question: Are Refunds Available?

Answer: Refunds are not available.

Question: What is the scope of an alternate player?

Answer: Coaching staff will select up to five alternates. A combination of forwards, defensemen, and goalies. These alternates will practice with the team, receive uniforms, and incur a practice fee of \$400. If one of the selected players is unable to play a game, an alternate may be selected to play as a replacement for that game. Coaches also may also add alternates to the roster for any game regardless of a selected player being unable to play. In past seasons, many alternates played in games. If an alternate does play in a game, then they will incur an extra \$50 per game fee that will be paid to the team fund.