



Girls Traveling Tryout Guide 2021-22

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General Notes

Players should arrive 30-45 minutes prior to their session and must be ready to get on the ice 15 minutes prior to start time.

Players must check-in before every session or risk being marked absent.

No evaluator/coach scores or comments will be given to the parents after the tryout process is complete.

It is your responsibility to monitor the HHA website and understand which pool session you must attend each day during tryouts.

Tryout Jerseys and Equipment

Tryout jerseys will be handed out prior to the start of tryouts. Each player will receive two tryout jerseys with the same number to be used for all tryout sessions. Jerseys are to be placed in bag/box at the arena in the lobby after the last tryout session. Parents may be charged if the tryout jersey is not returned.

Players should wear a gold-colored helmet with NO IDENTIFYING TEAM MARKINGS or STICKERS (AAA, team names, etc.) except for the Hastings Hockey helmet stickers.

Wear all standard hockey equipment including mouth guards.

Goalies

Goalies will attend a separate goaltender's skill session for grading. This will most likely take place before the rest of the skaters try out. Goalies will then be assigned to a group (like the skaters) for the remaining tryout sessions. Goalies will continue to be evaluated throughout the tryout process.

Tryout Group

All skaters are placed in a group based on alphabet for the pre-tryout clinic and the first tryout session. Group assignments are posted to the HHA website a couple days prior to the first pre-tryout clinic.

Scores from sessions are used for subsequent group assignments at each level. The level director will re-group the players after Session 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 depending on group numbers.

Updated groups will be posted to the website as soon as they become available. It is your responsibility to monitor the HHA website and understand which group you are assigned.

What if I have questions about tryouts?

Questions/concerns about the tryout process must go through your level director. Do not bring these questions directly to the traveling coaches, coordinators or anyone other board members.

U10 Tryouts

The tryout process is based on registration numbers; therefore, this process may change if the actual number of players change.

- Day 1: Skills & Scrimmage/Small area games
 - o Session consists of multiple drills designed to grade a player's skating & puck skills

- Day 2: Skills & Scrimmage/Small area games
 - o Session consists of multiple drills designed to grade a player's skating & puck skills

- Day 3: Scrimmage/Small Area Games or Skills
 - o Coaches/Level Director/Evaluators will determine if skills, scrimmage or both will be completed on Day 3

Coaches and evaluators will determine the final teams on Day 3.

At the end of each session, players may stay in the same group, or switch groups based on the most recent session's performance.

Subsequent session assignments will be posted to the HHA website the night before the scheduled session.

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U12 Tryouts

There will not be a U12 Tryout as all girls registered for U12 will be on one team. These tryout hours will be used as additional practices hours the same week as the other girls' tryouts.

U15 Tryouts

The tryout process is based on registration numbers; therefore, this process may change if the actual number of players change.

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How are players evaluated?

Note: Any sessions missed by a player/goalie will receive the lowest score possible (1) for that session.

During each tryout session, a minimum of 5 evaluators will be evaluating each tryout session. This will be a mix of evaluators of external and internal/HHA coaches will be scoring the sessions. This score is based on a preset scale, following a common scoring structure.

Evaluators/coaches look for complete players, with strengths balanced across:

- Skills
- Hockey sense, and
- Positive contribution to team play

Scores from each evaluator/coach are recorded and used for subsequent tier assignments and final team selection.

Players are evaluated for negative contributions to play. Inappropriate conduct or penalty situations will result in a decrease in score. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Penalties
- Use of foul language on or off the ice
- Play intended to injure, illegal checks

Coach and other internal evaluators are prohibited from scoring his/her own player and from accessing their player's scores.

How are teams selected?

Prior to the final tryout session, the evaluators (both internal and external) will meet to determine a specific group for each player. The number of groups are based on team sizes and finding a natural break/gap in the total evaluation scores. A player must be in the predetermined group for the last tryout session to be placed on that team. For example, you need to be in the top group for the final session to make the top team.

Final tryout groups are determined by the team designations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the August 15th Special Meeting. Once team groups sizes are determined, those groups will be posted on the HHA website with designated ice times for scrimmage. There is a chance, not all players will play in a scrimmage during the tryout sessions except Squirts. There is no outside association scrimmages for Girl Tryouts.

After the final tryout session, the Head Coach for each team will make their final choices for their team. This process of making final choices may include input from the evaluators, however the final decision will be up to the Head Coach. The Head Coach will submit their final choice to the Level Director. The highest-level team will be picked first and follow until all the teams have been filled. If there is not a head coach in place for a specific team, the Director of Hockey will make the final choices for the team.

In the event there are two teams at any given level (i.e. two U10 B2 teams), District 8 requires the teams be equally balanced. In this case, both head coaches are in the room at the same time and choose their players by snake draft. This starts by the choosing a group of players that are clustered together based on scores and the coaches taking turns selecting players. This repeats until the teams are filled. After the teams are made, the Level Director will analyze to ensure they are even based on total accumulative evaluation scores.

How will I know what team I'm on?

After team selections are complete, the team placements will be posted to the HHA website. Team assignments are generally posted within 24 hours from the completion of tryouts.

Please be aware that your first practice can be the very next day following tryouts.

What if I believe a mistake took place?

We understand that the outcome of tryouts might not always be what you had hoped for; however, team selections are final. We are always interested in feedback and suggestions and are looking to continually improve our processes and programs. In the end, everyone will be on a team, will have a chance to develop and enjoy playing this great sport.

Grievances/complaints, related to tryouts, will not be discussed on the phone. All contact regarding grievances/complaints will not be accepted until one week (7 days) after the completion of your level's final tryout session. Every player/parent who wishes to file a grievance, will need to contact their HHA Level Director to get a copy of the form. A meeting will be set up, once the form is completed, as we value your feedback.

In any case, you should plan on attending your team practices as scheduled.