



CHESAPEAKE BAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

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TRYOUTS 2020

The CBHL schedule year to year primarily consists of try-outs, declarations (where teams will play), scheduling, games, playoffs, and then repeat... Other events are also on the calendar such as CBHL board meetings, 8U pre-season jamboree, ordering score sheets, bids for playoffs, Girls All-Star game, gathering the trophies and ordering banners.

This year is obviously different. We had our playoffs. We had our State Championships. Then everything stopped. We did not have USA Hockey National Tournaments and try-outs were put on hold.

Where do we go from here? We start with forming teams. "Normally" this would be all on-ice.

In June, I received the notification from our USA Hockey Affiliate, the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA), regarding the start dates and details for tryouts.

To reduce the number of players in a facility, the PVAHA has adopted policies for offering player agreements without an on-ice tryout. All this is subject to the club having ice available and deciding the best way to structure for their program. Since some clubs do not have ice at this time and we have small and large clubs, tryouts will be structured differently from club to club. The PVAHA document puts together dates and rules for this year's tryouts.

Normally, tryouts may not start until the third Saturday following the completion of Nationals. Clubs choose the date to hold tryouts based on many factors including ice availability. Players register for tryouts and get on the ice with, at times, over 80 other players all competing to play on a specific team. The players are offered spots on the team. Depending on the club's structure, the contract/player agreement may have language regarding payment in full, breaking the agreement, going to another club, etc.

When teams are chosen, the club expects that the players will be there for the season. The player agreements/contracts hold the team together. Without player agreements/contracts, if a few players or even one goalie decides to move to another club/team, the original team may have to disband due to not having enough players or a goalie.

The club forms their team and makes their declaration to the CBHL on the level of play based on the players that were chosen and committed to play on the team.

Contacts /Player Agreements is an association / club's document in which a player commits to playing on that team for the season. Breaking the agreement may result in fines, payment of season fees in full, and/or not being released to another club. (Refer to specific club documents.)



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PVAHA Rule 4.1 Player Movement/Transfers

Once a player commitment contract/agreement is signed, the player will be deemed ineligible to participate with any other team (pursuant to USAH, PVAHA and CBHL dual rostering rules) unless the club/team *releases* the player.

(See PVAHA Rule 4.2 as well as the club's player commitment contract/agreement document for additional and specific information.)

PVAHA Tier II tryout document (excerpt):

CBHL CLUBS TIER II TEAMS

Monday, July 13, 2020: 10U-18U Youth/10U-19U Girls - only players at your club last season.

On ice tryouts/evaluations and/or offer contracts/player agreements for **ONLY** players at your club last season (2019-2020)

< Players that did **NOT** play for your club during the 2019-2020 season are not allowed on ice or to be offered contracts/player agreements. >

Monday, July 20, 2020: 10U-18U Youth/10U-19U Girls

On ice tryouts/evaluations and/or offer contracts/player agreements for any player no matter where they played last season

Saturday, August 1, 2020: 8U Players

On ice tryouts/evaluations and/or offer contracts/player agreements for any player no matter where they played last season



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After tryouts, the clubs will send to the CBHL scheduler the list of teams that will play this year and in what divisions. For example: Youth 12U National (AA), Youth 12U Upper Patrick (A), Youth 12U Lower Patrick (A), Youth 12U Wales, Girls 12U Gold, Girls 12U Bronze, etc.

Snapshot from a previous season over three age groups/divisions:

AA	UA	LA	Wales	AA	UA	LA	Wales	AA	UA	LA
1	1	1		1	1	1		1	2	1
	1		1		1		1			1
	1	1	1		2		1	1	1	
		1	1			1	1		1	
		1			1		1		1	
1		1		1	1		1	1		1
2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	2
		1	1				1			
	1		1			1	1		1	
1	2		1	1	2		1	1	2	1

Following declarations, scheduling for the season begins. We will continue to work with PVAHA and USA Hockey on guidelines as to how the season will look and the timing.

Stay safe and well –

Thanks,

Debbie Moon

CBHL Commissioner