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Blades Tryout Policy

1.0 Introduction

The NDMHA will provide ice time for tryouts to each Representative and Select team. The schedule will be posted in advance on the NDMHA website with teams, locations, and number of tryouts. Tryouts may be conducted in the spring and are subject to NDMHA programming and availability as per OWHA.

2.0 Purpose

This Policy is intended to outline the processes used to administer the tryout process leading to ultimate selection for those NDMHA players wishing to play on a Representative team.

3.0 Policy Statements

Application

3.1 At the first tryout the Association will provide a letter that outlines the tryout process. A letter from the coach will also be included with team goals and expected costs for the year.

3.2 Fees for tryouts will be set by the NDMHA and posted on the NDMHA website prior to tryouts.

3.3 Players will be required to provide their own jerseys and they will be provided with a pinnie before the start of each tryout. These pinnies must be returned after each tryout, failure to do so will result in the player not being allowed to skate again until the pinnie is returned.

3.4 Players from other centers must provide a Permission to Skate (OWHA) Form from their home or previous center with them prior to skating their first tryout.

Selection Process

3.5 The Board of Directors will establish a Representative Committee. There will be one member of the committee at all tryouts. The coach will have only non-parent volunteers assisting with tryouts, both on and off the ice. Minimums of 3 evaluators are needed. The Head coach is responsible for picking all players. Final rosters are to be approved by the Representative Committee prior to release.

3.6 No players/goalies can be released until the end of the second tryout. No incumbent players/goalies may be cut until the third tryout. The head coach will notify players/goalies whether they have been selected or released from team via the NDMHA website.

3.7 Any Head Coach who anticipates releasing more than 3 rostered players from the previous season's team must advise the Representative Committee at least 24 hours before doing so.



3.8 All players/goalies trying out for any team must remain on the ice for the entire tryout except in the case of illness or injury.

3.9 Tryout performance is the key component for player selection. Past performance, specifically in regards to game play, can be used in the evaluation process if exhibition games are not part of the try-out. A full explanation is required in the player evaluations.

3.10 There should be no advantage or disadvantage to player selection as a result of: a) players and/or parents with whom the coach has a personal relationship, or b) players and or parents that have had issues with the coach in the past. If there have been past issues and there are concerns the Representative Committee should be advised during the tryout process.

3.11 A head coach may select a player/goalie who is not able to attend tryouts if the head coach is satisfied that if the player/goalie was able to attend the tryouts the player/goalie would be one of the players/goalies chosen to the team. The player must contact the coach prior to tryouts to advise he/she will be absent. The coach must notify the Representative Committee of any intent to do so as soon as possible.

Residency

3.12 The geographic boundaries of the North Durham Blades (NDB) shall consist of the municipal boundaries of the Township of Uxbridge, the Township of Scugog and the Township of Brock and all players residing within these boundaries will be considered a NDB resident. In the event that only one of the parents resides within the boundaries, the child, subject to proof of residency of the parent residing within the boundaries, will be considered a NDB resident.

3.13 All players and parents affiliated with the NDB must properly execute a NDB Registration Form and have registration fees paid per NDB set dates.

3.14 Grandfathered residents are residents who live outside the NDB boundaries but have completed the previous season as a player in the NDB.

3.15 Each competitive rep team may roster up to two non-residents. If a team wishes to roster more than two non-residents they will require approval from the NDMHA Representative Committee.

3.16 Any non-resident player that is released from the NDB and rosters with another OWHA Association shall immediately lose any grandfathered residency status previously held by that player within the NDB.

3.17 Any non-resident player that leaves the NDB, and is not released and does not play hockey in the season(s) that she is not with the NDB, shall not lose any grandfathered residency status previously held by that player within the NDB.

3.18 Any non-resident player that leaves the NDB and is not released and then plays hockey in the OHF, the GTHL or the OMHA for the season(s) that she is not with the NDB shall immediately lose any grandfathered residency status previously held by that player within the NDB.



3.19 Any non-resident player who tries out for the NDB where that player's sibling has previously been granted residency status within the NDB shall be automatic

Underage Players

3.20 The NDMHA discourages the signing of underage players. In exceptional circumstances an underage player may be signed if she is assessed in the top three (3) forwards, top (2) defensemen or top goalie on the older aged team. A player may only try up one age group higher than their current age group and they must be a major in their current age group. Whether the player is among the top players on the older aged team is to be determined by the Representative Committee and communicated to the player after the second skate.

3.21 All Rep team players must tryout with their own age group. Players may also try out for a rep team for the division that is one calendar year older without prior Representative Committee approval. Players may try out for older teams if player numbers will not justify the formation of a team at their own age level.

3.22 Any underage player wishing to play on an older aged team for a second or subsequent years must meet the same criteria each year.

General

3.23 With the exception of the approved coaching staff, it is highly recommended that only nonparent volunteers assist with try-outs, both with on ice drills and off ice evaluations. Minimums of 3 evaluators are suggested.

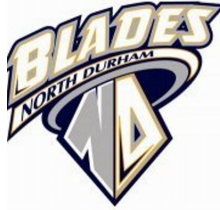
3.24 Players accepted as Non Resident Players (NRP) need to be impact players. Impact players are defined as being either a top 3 forward, top 2 defenseman, top 5 player overall or top goalie.

3.25 No players/goalies can be released from a team until the end of the second tryout. No incumbent players/goalies may be cut until the third tryout. The head coach will notify players/goalies whether they have been selected or released from a team via the NDMHA website.

3.26 It is understood that skill appropriate OWHA player and volunteer numbers are not always available. In these instances the three above noted sections may be waived with approval from NDMHA Representative Committee.

3.27 The entire selection process will be subject to Representative Committee oversight. At any point a coach may be asked by the Representative Committee to back up his/her decision process to ensure that the tryouts are run fairly and objectively.

3.28 To ensure a consistent level of development and in order to be economically feasible, a recommended team composition of 17 players is to be adopted. Coaches wishing to form a team outside of this target must advise and receive approval from the NDMHA Representative Committee.



3.29 Any Head Coach who does not follow any of the Tryout selection process rules may face disciplinary action in the form of suspension or removal as the Head Coach.

3.30 Under special circumstances any of the above noted rules may be waived or changed by a ruling of the NDMHA Representative Committee.

3.31 Prior to tryouts the NDMHA Executive will appoint an appropriate number of tryout designates to a Blades Representative Committee. A vote, with a minimum quorum of 3 designates, will be required to waive or change any of the above noted policy.

4.0 Non-compliance Implications

Non-compliance with this policy could result in, but not limited to;

- Failure of an eligible person to play on a NDMHA team.
- Removal of a selected player from his/her team within NDMHA

5.0 Questions about this Policy

If anyone has questions/concerns about the policy, or if the purpose of the policy are to be directed to the VP Representative and/or Director of Coaches for clarification.

APPROVED BY THE NORTH DURHAM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS