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# **Warriors 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. Novice to Minor Midget Representative teams will conduct spring tryouts in April/May. NDMHA will conduct fall tryouts for Midget Representative, Minor Development and all Select in August/September/October as required.

## **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 or Select team.

## **3.0 Policy Statements**

### **Application**

3.1 NDMHA "AA" tryouts will commence upon the completion of the "AAA" tryouts. "A" tryouts will commence upon the completion of the "AA" tryouts. "AE" tryouts will commence upon the completion of the "A" tryouts. Once AA tryouts are complete, it will be confirmed if the association will look at icing either the A and/or AE teams

3.2 The VP Hockey Operations and Director of Representative will meet with the Coaches prior to the commencement of the tryouts to establish the NDMHA standard tryout procedures.

3.3 The Association will provide ice time for a reasonable number of tryouts to each team. The Association will collect the tryout fees for all tryouts.

3.4 It will be the responsibility of the Association, not the team, to ensure that every player attending a tryout is registered with the Association.

3.5 All players trying out for a Representative team must complete the Hockey Canada Registration by the date identified on the website. The link to Hockey Canada Registration can be found online at [www.northdurhamhockey.ca](http://www.northdurhamhockey.ca) under the tryout tab. Players will not be allowed to sign in for the first tryout until the registration is complete and fees have been paid.

- a. Fees will include Representative Registration Fees
- b. Tryout Passport fees

3.6 For all levels, players are required to tryout for one level higher than they played the previous year. (e.g. if you played A, you must tryout for AA, if you played AE, you must tryout for A)

3.7 Players who played on an A team the previous season must tryout for the AA team in their division and be released from the AA team to be eligible to play on the A team. Players who played



on an AE team the previous season must tryout for the A team in their division and be released from the A team to be eligible to play on the AE team. If the Head Coach has a child playing in the Division and Category in which he/she will be coaching, the child must tryout to be eligible to play on the team

3.8 Tyke players entering their Novice year, must try out for Novice AA and be released to tryout for the A team and then release from the A team to be eligible to play for the AE teams

3.9 Players who were registered with House League during the previous season are able to register to tryout at any level. However, they must register and purchase their tryout passport by the first night of the "AA" tryouts.

3.10 Players who are registering in the Recreational program for the upcoming season are eligible to attend Select tryouts. Select players must meet the Select Residential guidelines; they must register and purchase their tryout passport prior to attending tryouts.

3.11 At the first tryout the Association will provide a letter that outlines the tryout process and evaluation criteria. A letter from the Head Coach will also be included with team goals and expected budget/costs for the year.

3.12 For the AA tryouts from Minor Atom to Minor Midget, the 1st tryout would exclude the AA players from the previous season and the AAA players from the previous season who did not make the AAA team. All players from the A team and other players wishing to tryout for the AA team would attend the 1st tryout. After the 1st tryout the Head Coach would determine the players to invite to proceed to the 2nd tryout, but must invite a minimum of 10 players, excluding goalies. The AA players from the previous season will start at the 2nd tryout, along with the AAA cuts and the selected invitees from the 1st tryout. The Head Coach can release players after the 2nd tryout and after every subsequent tryout.

3.13 If it is confirmed we will conduct A tryouts: For the A tryouts from Minor Atom to Midget, the 1st tryout would exclude the A players from the previous season and the AA players from the previous season who did not make the AA team. All players from the AE team and other players wishing to tryout for the A team would attend the 1st tryout. After the 1st tryout the Head Coach would determine the players to invite to proceed to the 2nd tryout, but must invite a minimum of 10 players, excluding goalies. The A players from the previous season will start at the 2nd tryout, along with the AA cuts and the selected invitees from the 1st tryout. The Head Coach can release players after the 2nd tryout and after every subsequent tryout.

3.14 The tryouts for all Novice teams will proceed without any exclusion. All players will be required to attend the AA tryout to be eligible to play on a Representative team. For Novice, releases cannot be made until after the 2nd tryout at each grouping (AA, A and AE).

3.15 If a player is not able to tryout, he or she must obtain an exemption from the Head Coach and approval from the Representative Committee. If the player is required to tryout and refuses to do so, the player cannot be carded to any Rep team. If requested, the Rep Committee will review any decision of a Head Coach not to grant an exemption.



3.16 If a player who is required to tryout does not attend the first required tryout and the Head Coach is not prepared to grant an exemption, the Head Coach must attempt to contact the player's parents immediately following the first required tryout to advise them of the consequences of not trying out.

3.17 All Rep team players must try-out with their own age group. At the "AA" and "A" levels, players may also try out for a rep team for the division that is one calendar year older without prior Executive approval. "AE" does not qualify.

3.18 Players from other centers must complete the online registration form and have an NRP passport from their home center with them prior to skating their first tryout.

### **Selection Process**

3.19 The Board of Directors will establish a Player Selection Committee. There will be one member of the committee at all tryouts. The Player Selection Committee will confirm the top 10 skaters and 1 goalie are on the coaches selection list. If a Head Coach has not been selected, the team will be chosen by the committee and then a Head Coach will be recommended by the Coach Selection Committee.

3.20 The coach is required to have non-parent volunteers, both on and off the ice. A minimum of three (3) evaluators are needed. Hockey Canada evaluation guidelines are to be used. For evaluation purposes NDMHA will provide a standard set of drills provided to the Head Coaches for the first 30 minutes of the tryout skate. These will be used.

3.21 Players/goaltenders will be notified whether they have been selected to attend the next skate via the NDMHA website.

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

3.23 Players accepted as Non Resident Players (NRP) will be considered impact players.

3.24 A Head Coach may select a player/goaltender who is not able to attend tryouts if the Head Coach and the executive are satisfied that if the player/goaltender was able to attend the tryouts the player/goalie would be one of the players/goaltender chosen to the team. The player must contact the Head Coach prior to tryouts to advise he/she will be absent.

3.25 To ensure a consistent level of development and in order to be economically feasible, a team composition of 17 players will be adopted. Head Coaches wishing to form a team outside the 17 targets must seek prior Board of Directors approval.

3.26 Minor Bantam will follow the OMHA Minor Bantam tryout guidelines

3.27 If a player attends "AA" or "A" tryouts and is selected for any of these teams they cannot decline and accept an offer from another rep team.



3.28 Players who have been selected and have accepted, through a signed offer of commitment to play given to the coach or manager of a rep team, who subsequently decide to quit the team for reasons other than injury or illness, are financially responsible for their individual share of all team costs (depending on the number of players on the team) from the time that they have accepted to be on the team to the time that a replacement player accepts in writing the offer of commitment to play.

### **Underage Players**

3.29 The Association discourages the signing of underage players. In exceptional circumstances, an underage player may be signed if he or she is assessed in the top two (2) forwards, top defensemen or top goalie on the older aged team. Whether the player is among the top players on the older aged team is to be determined by the player selection committee and communicated to the player after the second (2nd) skate. If still eligible, the player must commit to one team before the third (3rd) tryout.

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

3.31 Members of the coaching staff for any NDMHA team should not be the parent/guardian of an underage child on that team. Exceptions can be made but only by Board of Directors approval.

### **4.0 Non-compliance Implications**

By not complying 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 about the policy, or if the purpose of the policy is not understood, an explanation should be provided by or referred to VP of Hockey Operations or the Director of Rep.

**APPROVED BY THE NORTH DURHAM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**