

1. PLAYER TRYOUT POLICY

- 1.1. Coaches have up to 4 tryouts, based on ice availability and level, including designated STPGHA try out ice times and exhibition games to pick their teams.
- 1.2. Player selection will be based on each player's ability, knowledge of the game and attitude.
- 1.3. It is recommended that all players should be at all tryouts to have the best opportunity to make the team.
 - 1.3.1. A registered player must attend at least two tryout sessions (Must attend one of the first two tryout sessions) in order to be eligible to make a Rep team, unless permission is granted by the Executive after a written request.
 - 1.3.2. If a player registers but fails to make tryouts she will be placed on the lowest team, if there is a spot available. She is NOT guaranteed a spot on a team.
 - 1.3.3. If a player is injured and unable to attend tryouts, they must provide Executive with a doctor's note at the first tryout. At the discretion of the coach and the Executive, the player may be granted a spot on the team based on the coach's evaluation of the player. This decision must occur before the first tryout at the next lower level.
 - 1.3.4. Coaches must outline the expectations for the season (financial and time commitments) before offering positions.
 - 1.3.5. Players must accept position and pay registration fee in full before team can be posted.
- 1.4. All Representative Player decisions will be made and posted online.
- 1.5. Coaches are encouraged to provide parents/players with an explanation of skills development for improvement as requested.
- 1.6. Coaches can appoint an additional evaluator (with no conflict of interest with that team) and is required to use a minimum of two (2) independent evaluators (with no conflict of interest with that team) provided by the Head of Coach and Player Development.
- 1.7. All Head Coaches are responsible for finding on-ice instructors for tryouts.
- 1.8. Evaluators will develop a list of 5 skaters and 1 goalie to be used in the case of player movement if numbers change during or after the tryout process. The list will rank in order the coaches next 5 selections beyond the original roster.
 - 1.8.1. If teams are not filled at the end of the tryout period girls will be allowed to register until the teams are filled but NOT guaranteed a spot if registration is completed.
 - 1.8.2. The purpose of the development of a list of 5 skaters and 1 goalie is to avoid further evaluation at a later date. The Coach should discuss the possibility of players movement after the teams selection with the families on the list. The Head of Coach and Player development will revisit the list at a later date (if needed) to identify girls eligible for movement and contact the families to see if they are interested.
- 1.9. All Rep Teams must carry seventeen (17) players comprised of fifteen (15) skaters and two (2) goalies unless otherwise specified by STPGHA. Any deviation from this requires approval from the Executive. Coaches can apply

for the deviation or the Executive reserves the right to make changes as needed.

- 1.10. All players must complete ONLINE tryout registration and pay the non-refundable fee 24 hours prior to start of tryout. The fee will be determined and posted each year prior to tryouts.
- 1.11. The Executive reserves the right to place players on teams for exceptional reasons.

2. PLAYER MOVEMENT POLICY

- 2.1. At the start of each season, a Player may be eligible to skate with the highest competitive category team at an older age level, depending on her ability, physical stature and maturity. Prior to the Player skating with the aforementioned team, the Player and her parent(s) or legal guardian will be required to request, in writing to the Executive, that she be given permission to skate with the aforementioned team.
- 2.2. An Evaluation Committee consisting of the Head of Coach and Player Development, the coach of the team at the older age level, and a third person (TBD), will assess each player requesting permission. The Head of Coach and Player Development, with agreement from the Executive, will nominate the third person, who is both knowledgeable and experienced in the evaluation of hockey players, to the committee. The Head of Coach and Player Development will chair the Evaluation Committee.
- 2.3. A player is eligible for movement if she is ranked in talent, ability and maturity as being among the top three (3) forwards or top two (2) defensemen in aforementioned division, goaltenders will be at the discretion of the Executive. Player movement will not be allowed on second or third teams.
- 2.4. If a Player is evaluated as being eligible for movement, the Evaluation committee will recommend to the Executive that the Player be elevated to the aforementioned team in the older category. The Executive must approve the recommendation before the player can skate with the aforementioned team in the older age category.
- 2.5. The Evaluation Committee will also assess the movement of a goaltender to a team in an older age category. In addition to the ability, stature and maturity of the goaltender, the Executive will consider the goaltending needs of other teams in the Association. The Executive will approve the movement of a goaltender before the player can skate with the older age category team.
- 2.6. The approval for a Player to play with the highest competitive category team at an older age level will only apply to the season in which such approval is granted.

3. SELECTION OF IMPORT PLAYERS

- 3.1. DEFINITION AND PROCESS:

- 3.1.1. The player has been released from the St. Thomas Panthers Girls Hockey Association 2 or more times while competing at a higher level than the highest category offered by the Panther's.
- 3.1.2. The player resides outside of Elgin County.
- 3.1.3. The player was registered with another OWHHA centre in previous years.
- 3.1.4. For an Import Player to be selected, the player must demonstrate a higher skill level than "local" residents trying out for the team (regardless of the position).

4. ACHIEVING NON IMPORT STATUS

- 4.1. All out of town players may be considered for non-import status provided the following criteria are met:
 - 4.1.1. Player has been registered with STPGHA for at least two (2) consecutive seasons.
 - 4.1.2. Player and family have and will continue to demonstrate commitment to STPGHA.
 - 4.1.3. Family and player (as appropriate) have and will continue to volunteer to help support STPGHA activities.
 - 4.1.4. These players are expected to pay "out of town" additional registration fees. If the said player leaves STPGHA and registers in another OWHHA association and then returns, she will be considered an Import Player
- 4.2. Players wishing to be considered for Non- Import Status must submit their request to the Executive. The request must include:
 - 4.2.1. Teams player has played for over the past two years
 - 4.2.2. Volunteer activities that the family and player (as appropriate) have been involved with over the past two years
 - 4.2.3. Leadership activities, such as member of the Coaching staff, that member(s) of STPGHA the family have been involved with over the past two years.

5. NUMBER OF IMPORT PLAYERS

- 5.1. The maximum number of Import Players allowed per team is as follows:
(unless otherwise specified by STPGHA)

	Number of Import Players (inclusive of all positions – defence, forward and goalie)		
Divisional Classification	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3/Tier 4
Novice	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Atom	Up to 4	Up to 3	Up to 2
Peewee	Up to 4	Up to 3	Up to 2
Bantam	Up to 4	Up to 3	Up to 2
Midget	Up to 5	Up to 4	Up to 3

- 5.2. Priority selection given to STPGHA players.
- 5.3. Under special circumstances, a Tier 1 Coach may request additional import players above the number allocated for the respective age group. All requests must be in writing, supported by the Coach and player, reviewed and approved by the Executive. Players being considered must meet the criteria for the respective age category in the Selection of Import section above. The decision of the Executive is final and not subject to appeal.
- 5.4. Considerations for Goaltenders Developing and retaining goalies is a priority for STPGHA, in order to achieve this, the following considerations apply:
 - 5.4.1. When the total number of STPGHA goaltenders in a division is equal to or exceeds the total number of available goaltender positions, import goaltenders will NOT be permitted without approval.
 - 5.4.2. When the total number of STPGHA goaltenders in a division is less than the total number of available goaltender positions, import goaltenders will be permitted. Import goaltenders may attend tryouts beginning with the Tier 1 team tryout and continue to subsequent team tryouts if released and approved.
 - 5.4.3. If an import goaltender is selected under 5.4.1. above the import goaltender counts as one of the total Import Players allowed for the team. If an import goaltender is selected under 5.4.2. above the import goaltender does not count as one of the total Import Players allowed for this team. Any deviation from these considerations requires approval.