

NOTE: The Board of Directors has approved changes to section 1.3 of the Player Tryout Policy with the intention of improving the 2025/26 tryout process. The changes, noted below, will be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting in May 2025 for formal adoption by Association Membership.

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 (the player must attend one of the first two tryout sessions if trying out for the Tier one division, or the first tryout for any of the subsequent divisions) in order to be eligible to make the team they are trying out for, 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 (finance and time commitments) before offering positions.~~

~~1.3.5. Players must accept the position and pay registration fee in full before the team can be posted.~~

1.3.6. If a player intends to defer to the lowest tier team they must notify the executive in writing and pay the tryout fee prior to the beginning of the tryout process. The player must attend at the beginning of the lowest tier skates.

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 are 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 comprising 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 the 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.