

# *Adirondack Youth Hockey Association*

## *09-10 Boys Travel Tryouts*

AYHA strives to provide the best possible hockey experience for all of our players. Therefore do to the overwhelming success of having the B players play house league; we will once again have them playing house as well as travel.

### **Rules for all tryouts**

1. All players trying out from other organizations must have a valid Player Release form signed by that organization's President.
2. All AYHA members must have their 2008-2009 balance paid in full.
3. All players must have gone to the USA Hockey website and registered as a player. You will need to provide the bar-coded receipt prior to participating in either the conditioning or tryout sessions.
4. **No one other than evaluators and on-ice personnel are allowed in the arena area during tryouts.**
5. **No parent or observer is to make contact with the tryout evaluators for any reason.** Doing so will result in that particular player being pulled from the evaluations.
6. Players will be asked to indicate a desired (or preferred) position at the initial sign in for tryouts (i.e. Offense or Defense) and will be issued a corresponding pinnie color. Note: Once tryouts are complete, rosters are posted and players are assigned to teams this does not guarantee a certain playing position on a team. Position assignments during the season could change and are made at the discretion of the team's Head Coach.
7. Players will receive a pinnie which **MUST** be returned after each session. Pinnies not returned will be billed @ \$40 to that players registration. Please, no travel jerseys under the pinnies, only plain hockey jerseys.
8. Travel tryout fees are non-refundable.
9. Tryout fees are set at \$10.00 per ice session. A maximum of \$40/player for the first set of tryouts.
10. Players will be evaluated on the following:
  - a. Skating, forward, backward and use of edges
  - b. Stick handling
  - c. Shooting
  - d. Team play
  - e. Knowledge of the game
11. Parents need to be aware that during the season certain situations may arise, such as injury or other occurrence, where an A player can no longer play. In this case, a Player may be chosen from the B team to move up. The tryout evaluations along with views of both team coaches will be taken into account in determining what, if any player is moved. Once the teams are initially established and begin to practice and play games together, parents have the right to decline a "move up".

Mite B

Full time travel

2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week  
30-35 games /year preferably no more than 1 /day  
1 away tournament/1 home tournament/2-3 local tournaments

### Mite C

Part-time travel  
Plays in the cross-ice  
11-15 games/year preferably no more than 1 /day

### Squirt A

Full time travel  
2 - ½ sheets of practice ice/week  
40-50 games/year not including State tournament  
2-3 away tournaments/1 home tournament

### Squirt B/C

Part-time travel  
Plays in the house league  
1 extra ½ sheet practice / week  
20-25 games/year played on weekends most of which will come from the patriot league  
1 away tournament/1 home tournament

### PeeWee A

Full-time travel  
2- ½ sheets of practice ice/week  
45-55 games/year not including State tournament  
2-3 away tournaments/1 home tournament

### PeeWee B/C

Part-time travel  
Plays in the house league  
1 extra ½ sheet practice / week  
1 extra ½ sheet practice / week  
25-30 games/year at least 50% in the patriot league  
1 away tournaments/1 home tournament

### Bantam A

Full-time travel  
2- ½ sheets of practice ice/week with if available 1-2 full sheets/month at an additional charge

50-55 games/year not including State tournament  
2-3 away tournaments/1 home tournament

**In the event that there are not enough players for a bantam  
“B”team and a midget team we will combine these to make 1  
team**

## Junior/Midget B

Part-time travel  
Plays in the house league  
1 extra ½ sheet practice / week  
20-25 games/year played on weekends  
1 away tournament

### A Level tryouts

1. The head coaches will be announced prior to tryouts. (Assistant coaches will be selected following team selections based upon the head coaches' recommendations and the Board's approval)
2. **When attending tryouts if the players does not want to play on the A team the travel director must be informed prior to tryouts or that players could be disallowed from playing on the B team**
3. If a player is not selected for the A team he or she may try out for the B team at a reduced try out fee.
4. Two non partisan evaluators will be selected for each level. The head coach will observe the tryout.
5. Each evaluator must evaluate every player with comments. The evaluators may not speak to any parent or other evaluator about the tryouts.
6. After each session the evaluation sheets will be handed in and given back to the evaluators prior to the next session.
7. After the fourth session, the evaluators will make their recommendations as to the make-up of the team, explaining all decisions and leaving their evaluation sheets.
8. The head coach will be included in the final discussions regarding the teams. They will be allowed to comment on the selections and discuss the final roster for the team. At the least, either the President or Vice President of the organization will also be included in these discussions.
9. The teams will then be posted via the website and coaches will be free to contact their team.

All other levels will follow similar guidelines as needed