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## AMHA Competitive Level (Rep B) Tryout Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to share the process and approach that has been adopted to ensure transparency and fairness in the selection of players for the competitive (Rep B) teams formed in the AMHA.

- There is a fee for players wishing to participate in tryouts for all competitive teams. The fee must be received prior to the first tryout session. Registration and payment are done through the online AMHA registration system.
- The AMHA Board of Directors will decide whether the Association is forming a competitive team at any given level each year. They will also determine the number of players for each competitive team based on registration numbers following the registration deadline.
- The U9 level does not participate in tryouts but rather teams undergo sort-outs where teams will be formed at both Tier 3 and Tier 4 levels following player assessments. This policy does not cover this process.
- All competitive team tryouts are overseen by the AMHA Vice President as the Rep Convenor.
- For the U11-U18 levels, players will receive at least 3 on-ice tryout sessions. Head coaches may choose to use the third tryout session as an exhibition game.
- At each tryout session, at least 3 evaluators will be identified that will be made up of non-parent individuals. Non-parents are evaluators who do not have a child participating in the tryout.
- Any player attending a competitive team tryout needs to attend a minimum of 2 sessions to be considered for final selection. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the Head Coach, in consultation with the Rep Convenor, may choose to waive this requirement.

- A pinny system is used where different coloured and numbered pinnies are assigned to each player attending the tryouts. The same coloured/numbered pinny is assigned and worn by a player throughout the entire tryout process. Pinnies are handed out when attendance is taken at the beginning of each tryout session and must be returned to tryout organizers at the end of each ice time.
- Evaluation sheets are prepared for evaluators at every level and for each session with corresponding pinny numbers and colours that do **not** include player names. In addition to assessing various skills and abilities, evaluators may include notes and comments that assess other considerations such as competitiveness, hockey sense, coachability, being a team player, etc. Tryout organizers maintain a master tryout list that contains players names and assigned pinny numbers/colours along with record of session attendance. The Rep Convenor will collect all completed evaluations at the end of each tryout session.
- Following the second tryout session (and prior to the third or final tryout), the Rep Convenor will consolidate evaluation scores from the previous sessions and create a preliminary player ranking list (by pinny number/colour only). This list is then shared with the Head Coach going into the third or final tryout session.
- The intention of the preliminary player ranking list is to assist the Head Coach in their assessment of players who are found to be on the bubble, and more importantly, to promote impartiality and to avoid unjustified and biased player selections.
- Final selections are ultimately the decision of the Head Coach but should be supported by associated evaluations and preliminary ranking.
- Results of player attendance and evaluations are maintained by the Rep Convenor and will be kept in confidence. In the case of a selection challenge, evaluation information may be shared with other members of the AMHA Board of Directors for review in order to address and respond to the challenge.
- An AMHA board member will be present at all tryout sessions and player releases. A parent is welcome to attend final cuts and releases with their child. Parents are asked to wait a 24-hour period before raising any concerns regarding final selections and releases. All questions or concerns are to be directed to the Rep Convenor.