



10. Tryouts

1. Definitions

- a. DWMHA – Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association.
- b. VP – Executive VP, DWMHA.
- c. Director of Competitive - Board member of DWMHA responsible for all competitive teams.
- d. Evaluator – Volunteer who evaluates player during tryout process. Evaluator to be of non-conflict meaning no family member is trying out in the level they evaluate.
- e. HNS Policy – Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations that governs all Minor in Nova Scotia.
- f. Player – Registered participant in good standing with DWMHA
- g. Bench Staff – Non-conflict volunteer with Coaching certifications who will open the door and ensure player safety on the ice. Bench staff will not 'Coach' players during games.
- h. Tryout Coordinator – Non-conflict volunteer who supports the process.
- i. Quality Control Coordinator – Non-conflict volunteer who checks all data gathered.

2. Roles

- a. Division Coordinators
 - i. Ensures all players are recorded and distribute assigned jersey,
 - ii. Ensures all DWMHA policies are followed,
 - iii. Verifies all jerseys worn by players are recorded by Evaluators correctly,
 - iv. Confirms all volunteers are deemed non-conflict
- b. Evaluators
 - i. Uses hockey experience to rank players based on observations using format provided by VP,
 - ii. Participates in the complete process for a division to ensure consistency,
 - iii. Participates in post session discussions and reviews data for accuracy
- c. VP
 - i. Organizes tryout process to accommodate number of players as per the Registrar,
 - ii. Recruits Evaluators and confirms they are non-conflict
 - iii. Ensures overall consistency between all sessions within a division
- d. Director of Competitive
 - i. Represents the DWMHA during the process and confirms all policies are followed throughout,
 - ii. Ensures all Division Coordinators are in place
 - iii. Ensures Tryout Coordinator is in place
 - iv. Confirms all Bench Staff and other volunteers are in place, confirmed to be non-conflict.
 - v. Ensures decorum during evaluation process
- e. Tryout Coordinator
 - i. Ensures Evaluators have adequate technology for the process
 - ii. Ensures all data from Evaluators is uploaded correctly
 - iii. Ensures all results from tryout sessions is released in timely manner
 - iv. Consistently monitors tryouts@whalers.org email and actions items in the inbox
- f. Quality Control Coordinator
 - i. Verifies all player jersey numbers match data in evaluation software
 - ii. Verifies all data is uploaded correctly and assigned to correct player
- g. Parents
 - i. Ensure player is at each session on time
 - ii. Notifies tryouts@whalers.org if a player will be absent from a session
 - iii. Ensures 24 hr. policy before expressing any concerns to tryouts@whalers.org

3. Process



- a. Overall tryout process will loosely follow Hockey Canada Minor Hockey Development Guide, Player Evaluation and Selection. DWMHA will have three technical sessions followed by two scrimmages. This process may change depending on the level being evaluated. The number of sessions is not guaranteed and no refunds will be issued.
- b. Evaluators will score the player on a scale of 1-5 with all scores tabulated with follow up discussion amongst Evaluators after each session.
- c. The overall process may change slightly, please review DWMHA website for updates.
4. Formation of Teams
 - a. Refer to HNS Policy
5. Out of Area Player
 - a. If an out of area player wishes to tryout for DWMHA, they must first register with their home association. They must have approval by Hockey NS Regional Director, and can only apply if the level is not offered in their home association.
 - b. The DWMHA will only place an approved out of area player on a team provided they are ranked as top goaltender, top two forward, or top defense. The player must attend all DWMHA sessions and participate in the entire tryout process to determine proper ranking.
 - c. DWMHA will not accept any out of area requests once sessions have begun.
 - d. DWMHA reserves the right to decline all out of area requests if other association tryouts have a negative impact of the DWMHA completing tryouts in a timely manner.
 - e. See HNS policy for further details.
6. Player Absence due Medical Reasons
 - a. Form 10.1 below must be sent to tryouts@whalers.org with accompanying note from Medical Professional at Registration Deadline.
 - b. Form 10.1 below must be sent to tryouts@whalers.org with accompanying note from Medical Professional immediately if player is injured during the tryout process.
 - c. If an approved absent player returns to the process, a clearance letter from a Medical Professional must be sent immediately to tryouts@whalers.org
 - d. If a player is not able to participate in the process, the Director of Competitive will use Form 10.1 to place the player for the season.
7. Appeals
 - a. A player may only appeal their placement based on the tryout process not being followed. Parents would need to submit request to tryouts@whalers.org.
 - b. Requests will be reviewed by VP to determine if the situation warrants an appeal.
 - c. If an appeal is granted, a team consisting of VP, and two other non-conflicts individuals will be formed to review the data.
 - d. Any decision from this process would be final.
 - e. Evaluation data will not be used for generating player placement reports.