

## **2020 Weymouth Youth Hockey Tryout process:**

All players registering to tryout must be in Good Standing with Weymouth Youth Hockey and South Shore Conference (good standing means, all balances have been paid and no disciplinary actions are outstanding). If you are not in good standing please contact the President of Weymouth Youth Hockey.

**Note:** The Board of Directors can reduce a player's tryout score up to 1 full point for repeated behavior that is detrimental to Weymouth Youth Hockey.

Tryouts are only required for South Shore Conference or Travel teams. You can register online prior to the tryout by going to the Weymouth Youth Hockey web site, registration will also be accepted the night of tryouts. At the time of registration there will be a non-refundable \$100.00 tuition deposit required prior to the player taking the ice. The teams will be announced by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The next installment of \$400 is due on May 31, 2020. If the \$400, installment is not paid by May 31, 2020 the player will be removed from the selected team and placed on the lowest level team. The remaining tuition balance will be due prior to the start of the season.

Declaring a position for Mite U8 is not required, Squirts only Goalies need to declare position, and Pee Wees and Bantams will need to declare a position (Forward, Defense or Goalie).

**Tryout evaluation** - The scoring will include scores for skills and scrimmage games for a combined total tryout score. The evaluation will be weighted scoring between skills and the highest scored scrimmage game. The weighting percentages will vary by level, which are reflected in the sections below.

Tryouts for Mite (U8), Squirt (U10)/Girls U10 (if necessary), Pee Wee (U12)/Girls U12 (if necessary) and Bantam (U14)/Girls U14 (if necessary) will consist of one or two skill sessions and one to four scrimmage games (number of skills/games will depend on number of players registered at each level. Each player will participate in at least 1 skills session and 1 scrimmage game.). Each skill/game will be evaluated by 4 to 6 evaluators (evaluator cannot be related to a player who is trying out at that level). Evaluators will be chosen by the Level Director and allowed by the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors.

**Goalie tryout evaluation** – The evaluator will have goalie coaching experience to rate the goalies on skills and during the scrimmage.

Goalies tryout score will include 2 parts:

Scrimmage Game – 35%

Skills – 65%

**Current Coaches Player Evaluation** - The current 2019 -2020 coaches will evaluate their current players on skills based category rankings with a cumulative score. The coach's evaluation will be used as a resource by the level director to be used for

evaluating the tryout scoring to make sure there are not significant anomalies; to break a tie in the concluded tryout rankings or for ranking a player that has an approved absence from the tryout. If the level director identifies any significant anomalies in the scoring, the level director may adjust rankings by no more than 5 ranking places up or down. Any adjustments to the rankings will be presented with justification to the Board of Directors for approval.

### **Tryout shirts and numbers**

As players arrive, they will be signed in and assigned a shirt color and number for that tryout (shirt/numbers must be returned after each tryout, a new shirt and number will be given each night); the evaluators will not have the names of the player trying out and will only have the shirt color and number. **(Please ensure the player does not have a shirt with his or her name on it).**

### **Skills**

The first part of tryouts will be a skills session and will be used to evaluate the players following skills: Skating (balance, agility, and speed) forward and backwards, Stick: puck handling, control, and shooting. Goalies will be evaluated on Skating, Mobility and positioning. Skills will be used as a percentage of the overall tryout score and to create the scrimmage teams. The evaluators rate each player on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being the highest).

Skills tryout percentage by level:

- Mites/U8 – 50%
- Squirts/GU10 – 40%
- Pee Wees/GU12 – 30%
- Bantams/GU14 – 30%

### **Tryout Scrimmage Team Creation**

Once the skill session(s) have been completed, players will be broken down into teams (number of teams will depend on number of registered players). The teams will be broken up evenly by skill score, for example if 4 teams are being created the top scorer will be placed on Team 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place player will be placed on Team 2, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place player on Team 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> place player on Team 4. From there the 5<sup>th</sup> place player will be placed on Team 4, the 6<sup>th</sup> place player on Team 3, the 7<sup>th</sup> place player on Team 2, the 8<sup>th</sup> place player on Team 1 etc..... This will ensure the teams are balanced. The final teams will be approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Scrimmage Games**

The next session will be scrimmage games. Depending on the number of players we may have one to four games per level. Skaters will be evaluated on Positional Play (offensive & defensive zone), Game Play (pursuit & awareness), Overall Skill (stick,

shot, passing, skate, body), and Competitiveness (aggressiveness, toughness and intensity). Goalies will be evaluated on Skating, Mobility, Positioning, Reaction, and Rebound Control. The scorers rate each player on a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being the highest).

Once all games have been completed, scores for the skills and the highest scored scrimmage game will be averaged based on weighting percentages and the player is given a final tryout score.

**Dominant player** – During or after the first scrimmage, if the scoring shows that there is or are dominant players that are controlling the play in the scrimmage, those players will not be required to participate in remainder of the tryout or the second tryout. This allows the other players to compete with more even skilled players to get a better evaluation without dominant players controlling the play. Please note that dominant players will be among the automatic picks for the highest team at that level.

Game tryout percentage by level:

- Mites/U8 – 50%
- Squirts/GU10 – 60%
- Pee Wees/GU12 – 70%
- Bantams/GU14– 70%

### **Coach selection process**

Once the tryout process has been completed the Weymouth Youth Hockey Coach's Committee will start the interview process for coaches. Coaches will be interviewed based on the age level they are interested in coaching. The specific team to be offered to the coach will be determined after the interview process is complete. Potential coaches with a player in the level they want to coach will only be eligible to be offered a team depending on the potential team their child is eligible to play. The A team coach eligibility: The coach applicant is eligible to coach the A team if their child is ranked within the top 20 players or have a child ranked in the top 5 of goalies. The B team coach eligibility: The coach applicant is eligible if their child is in the top 20 of the remaining players after the A team is selected or have a child ranked in the top 5 of goalies. The B2 team coach eligibility: The coach applicant is eligible if their child is in the top 20 of the remaining players after the B team is selected or has a child ranked in the top 5 goalies. Coaches are interviewed by the Coach's Committee and approved by the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors. Once a coach has been picked he or she will sit down with the Level Director to finalize team selection (A, B, then B2 if needed). A coach can pick his or her own assistant coach or coaches with the approval of the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors.

### **Team selection process** **Mite U8 team selection**

The numbers of skaters per team will vary depending on participation at each level. The goal is 13 skaters per team. The Level Director will review the final tryout rankings to select the teams. The top 10 players will automatically be placed on the A team. The coach will then be assigned to the team. The coach will pick the up to 3 players depending on level participation numbers. The coach will choose 3 players from the next 7 ranked players (players ranked 11-17).

Once the A team has been picked the Level Director will present the team to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors for approval. If the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves the team the B team will then be selected using the same process. Once the B team has been picked and approved the B2 (if needed) will be selected using the same process. All remaining players not placed on an A, B or B2 teams will be placed evenly to balance the skill levels between the teams on a Metro South wConference or House League team. The head coach assigned to a team can challenge any of the initial 10 picks made by the level director and/or can request that a player be picked outside the eligible list of remaining players for that level with a request to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors. The Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors will review the request and make a determination. If a coach requests that any of the initial 10 picks assigned to their team not be placed on their team and the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves, the Level Director will notify the player's parents or guardian at some point in the team selection process. Also any player may request, with an email to the Level Director, his or her final ranking after teams have been announced.

**Note:** Mite/U8 players do not declare as a goalie. For Mites/U8, the teams will pass the pads among the players throughout the year.

### **Squirt Y10/GU10 (if necessary) team selection**

The numbers of skaters per team will vary depending on participation at each level. The goal is 13 to 15 skaters per team. The Level Director will review the final tryout rankings to select the teams. The top 10 players will automatically be placed on the A team. The coach will then be assigned to the team. The coach will pick the next 3 to 5 players depending on level participation numbers and/or coach's preference. If the coach is choosing 3 players, it will be from the next 7 ranked players (players ranked 11-17). If the coach is choosing 4 or 5 players, it is from the next 10 ranked players (players ranked 11-20).

Once the A team has been picked the Level Director will present the team to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors for approval. If the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves the team, the B team will then be selected using the same process. Once the B team has been picked and approved the B2 (if needed) will be selected using the same process. All remaining players not placed on an A, B or B2 team will be placed evenly to balance the skill levels between the teams on a Metro South Conference or House League team. The head coach assigned to a team can

challenge any of the initial 10 picks made by the level director and/or can request that a player be picked outside the eligible list of remaining players for that level with a request to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors. The Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors will review the request and make a determination. If a coach requests that any of the initial 10 picks assigned to their team not be placed on their team and the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves, the Level Director will notify the player's parents or guardian at some point in the team selection process. Also any player may request, with an email to the Level Director, his or her final ranking after teams have been announced.

**Goalies** – The tryout evaluation and current coach's evaluation will be used by the level directors and the coaches to assess and assign the goalie to each team. Level director and coach will meet to choose the goalie. If the Level director and coach cannot agree on the goalie choice, the Board of Directors will review the coaches and level director's recommendations and vote on the final choice.

### **PeeWee Y12/Girls U12(if necessary)/Bantam Y14/Girls U14 (if necessary) team selection**

The numbers of skaters per team will vary depending on participation at each level. The goal is 13 to 15 skaters per team. The Level Director will review the final tryout rankings to select the teams. The top 7 forwards and the 3 top defensemen will automatically be placed on the A team. The coach will be assigned. The coach will pick the next 3 to 5 players from the next 6 ranked defensemen and 6 ranked forwards. The coach will be limited to pick a maximum of 6 defenseman or a limit set by the level director based on number of players. The level director may impose a similar limit on forwards based on number of players. Once the A team has been picked the Level Director will present the team to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors for approval. If the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves the team, the B team will then be selected using the same process. Once the B team has been picked and approved the B2 (if needed) will be selected using the same process. All remaining players not placed on an A, B or B2 team will be placed evenly to balance the skill levels between the teams on a Metro South Conference or House League team. The head coach can challenge any of the initial 10 picks assigned by the level director and can request that a player be picked outside the eligible list of remaining players for that level with a request to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors. The Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors will review and make a determination. If a coach requests that any of the initial 10 picks not be placed on his or her team and the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors approves, the Level Director will notify the player's parents or guardian at some point in the selection process. Also any player may request, with an email to the Level Director, his or her final ranking after teams have been announced.



**Goalies** – The tryout evaluation and current coach’s evaluation will be used by the level directors and the coaches to assess and assign the goalie to each team. Level director and coach will meet to choose the goalie. If the Level director and coach cannot agree on the goalie choice, the Board of Directors will review the coaches and level director’s recommendations and vote on the final choice.

**Note:** First year bantam players are required to go through the Weymouth Youth Hockey checking clinic prior to participating in tryouts. Body angling and body contact will be allowed in the tryouts. Checking will not be allowed in the tryouts.

### **Players Missing tryouts**

If a player misses tryouts due to vacation, illness, injury or is new to program (new to the program is defined as any player who has never played for Weymouth Youth Hockey or has been inactive in the program for at least two full seasons) they will need to contact the appropriate Level Director to receive approval for a separate assessment or tryout if necessary. The player is also required to pay a non-refundable \$500 tuition deposit prior to the player being assessed or taking the ice for a makeup tryout session.

The previous coach’s assessment, if applicable, will be used to determine the player’s skill level and what level team the player is eligible to be picked. After the review of the coaches assessments, the coaches and Level Director (or substitute evaluator) will review and make a determination on the players skill level and what level team he or she is pickable for (A,B, B2 or C). For example if all agree a player is pickable for an A team, that player may be placed on the A team with the coach’s approval. No player being assessed for missing tryouts or trying out in a makeup session will be an automatic pick for any team. That coach has the right to accept or not accept the player on his or her team, with Board Approval. If this occurs, the coaches of the B team and then B2 teams will have next right of refusal. If the player is not picked for an A, B or B2 team he/she will be placed on a Metro South Conference or House League team.

If the coaches evaluation is not enough to assess the player or the player is new to Weymouth Youth Hockey and a makeup session is necessary, it will be scheduled before the start of the next season depending on ice availability (**Note:** This will most likely be during an August skills session.) The makeup session will be run/evaluated by the coaches and Level Director of the level the player is trying out for (if level director or coach cannot make the tryout, the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors will pick a replacement evaluator). After the tryout the coaches and Level Director (or substitute evaluator) will review and make a determination on the players skill level and what level he or she is pickable for (A,B, B2 or C). For example if all agree a player is pickable for an A team, that player may be placed on the A team with the coach’s

approval. No player trying out in a makeup session will be an automatic pick for any team. That coach has the right to accept or not accept the player on his or her team, with Board Approval. If this occurs, the coaches of the B team and then B2 teams will have next right of refusal. If the player is not picked for an A, B or B2 team he/she will be placed on a Metro South Conference or House League team.

Before the player is placed on a team, the Level Director will present the rating from the assessment and evaluation to the Weymouth Youth Hockey Board of Directors with a brief description of the player's ability; supply the scores and also what team the player has been picked. The Board can approve, deny or ask an additional tryout be done. The Level Director at all times will be responsible for keeping the player and family up to date.