



## **2019 – 2020 Wonderland Wizards Youth Hockey Association (WWYHA) Squirts/Pee Wee/Bantam (U10 – U14) Travel Team Tryout Procedures**

Wonderland Wizards Youth Hockey Association has House and Travel hockey teams that provide recreational and competitive sports play.

Wizard Travel Team Tryouts selection is conducted for the purpose of identifying players to add to the official roster for the 2019-2020 season. The goal of the tryout process is to place players on a travel team that is in line with their hockey skills and hockey sense. This will be based on a player's performance at the scheduled tryout sessions for that level. Coach evaluations may also be considered.

The Wizards have multiple travel teams at various competitive levels. The Wonderland Wizard coaching staff will meet with each of their respective travel teams before or at the beginning of the 2019-2020 hockey season and set the expectations for their teams with the goal of maximizing each player's individual potential and assisting each player's individual effort to take control of his/her personal development.

The Wizards anticipate having the below following travel teams at the U10 through U14 level. **Additional teams may be selected based upon the numbers of players trying out. As well, a reduction of teams may be decided if there are not enough players to fill a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> team.** Our goal is to provide as many players as possible with a chance to play and develop within the travel program. This will be communicated in a timely fashion during the tryout and selection process.

### Four (4) Squirt U10 (2010-2009 Birth Years)

- Squirt A
- Squirt A1
- Squirt B
- Squirt B1

### Four (5) Pee Wee U12 (2008-2007 Birth Years)

- Pee Wee A
- Pee Wee A1
- Pee Wee B
- Pee Wee B1

### Five (5) Bantam U14 (2006-2005 Birth Years)

- Bantam A
- Bantam A1
- Bantam B
- Bantam B1
- Bantam B2

Every effort will be made to name the head coaches for each travel team prior to tryouts. If there is no designated head coach named for a particular travel team prior to tryouts, a coach will be named during tryouts, or in a timely fashion after the conclusion of tryouts.

**We anticipate four (4) tryout sessions to be held at the Squirt U10, Pee Wee U12, and Bantam U14 levels, but this number is subject to change.**

- Being absent from a tryout session(s) could impact a player's team selection.
- An Evaluation Team, which will be comprised of independent evaluators, will be present on the ice during each tryout session.
- The Coaches will advise the "on-ice" evaluators of the format & drills they want the players to follow during a particular tryout session.
- No parents are permitted on the ice during the tryout sessions.
- No parents or players are permitted to stand at the glass around the rink.
- No parents are permitted to call a coach or evaluator during and after the tryouts to discuss their child's tryout. **For process questions, speak to registers table. For all other hockey inquiries please contact Wizards Coaches Liaison, Shawn Ewald at: [sewaldwizards@gmail.com](mailto:sewaldwizards@gmail.com)**
- **Note: The tryout fee DOES NOT get applied to the 2019-20 TRAVEL hockey season fee.**
- If a player does not make a travel team, **the tryout fee can be applied to their HOUSE hockey season fee.**

**Squirt, Pee Wee, and Bantam Tryout format:**

- The first tryout session, for each of these levels, will be divided alphabetically.
- Coaches will then divide subsequent sessions at their discretion. Whether the sessions are divided up by player number or alphabetically, this information, and the session times will be posted on the Wizards website.
- Players will not be allowed to attend a session other than the one they have been assigned to. If a situation comes up where a player cannot attend their designated session, a coaches' approval is required to be able to attend a different session.
- **The "A" teams may be selected after the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> tryout**, and those selected players will be notified by email. (The head coach may also contact members of the team in addition to them receiving the email notification.)
- Within the email notification, a date and time will be specified whereby the player must commit to that "A" team via the online registration process, and pay their deposit.
- Deposits will be accepted online only via credit card or eCheck. If you would like to pay cash, this must be coordinated with a Wizards Board Member, and the cash must be received before the specified commitment date and time. Failure to commit to the "A" team (i.e. registering and paying the deposit by the specified date and time) will forfeit your spot on the "A" team.
- **The "A1, B, B1, and B2 (if applicable)" teams will be selected after the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> tryout.**
- The entire team placement process could take up to 5 days, depending on the number of teams, so please be patient.
- During this period (approximately 5 days), email notifications will be sent to each player with the travel team they were selected for; this could be in succession or simultaneously. (The head

coach may also contact members of the team in addition to them receiving the email notification.)

- Within the email, a date and time will be specified whereby the player must commit to the team they were selected for via the online registration process, and pay their deposit.
- Deposits will be accepted online only via credit card or eCheck. If you would like to pay cash, this must be coordinated with a Wizards Board Member, and the cash must be received before the specified commitment date and time. Failure to commit to the team (i.e. registering and paying the deposit by the specified date and time) will forfeit your spot on the team.

**Travel Team players need to consider that in addition to the fee for the season, our teams will attend tournaments which are not covered by the season fee, and will require each player to cover their own expenses (hotel, travel. etc.) Wizards travel teams do travel for competition, but the travel is reasonable. The travel season fee does cover the state tournaments.**

**Online USA Hockey registration is mandatory for all Wonderland Wizards Youth Hockey Association programs.**

Participants are to register online via the USA Hockey website at: [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com). This includes volunteers and managers.

- All Participant Members (players and coaches) will pay the USA Hockey Registration fee as determined by USA Hockey.
- This registration and fee are annual requirements of USA Hockey. **For the 2019-2020 season, this registration must be completed on or after April 1st, 2019.** It cannot be completed before that date or it will NOT apply to the 2019-2020 season, and will re-register you for the 2018-2019 season.
- THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR VOLUNTEERS OR MANAGERS to register.

The WWYHA's Registrar will create an official roster for each WWYHA travel hockey team. The players' and coaches' names will appear exactly as each have entered the information when registering for USA Hockey for the current season.

Any player that was registered with another hockey program for the 2018-2019 season and now wishes to be put on a WWYHA official roster for the 2019-2020 season must be officially released from their former youth hockey program. If there are any pending financial obligations to any component of the former program, a player may not be released and put on a WWYHA roster until that financial obligation is satisfied.

Likewise, the WWYHA Registrar will not release any Wizard player to another hockey program if they have any pending financial obligation to any component of the WWYHA. Once this financial obligation has been satisfied, before the start of the 2019-2020 season, the WWYHA Registrar can release this player.