

Northern Edge Hockey



2019 – 2020 Season

**Tryout Policies, Procedures and Team
Selection Process**

WELCOME

Welcome to the Northern Edge 2019-2020 tryouts. This packet is intended to summarize the procedures used to determine where each skater will play this season. This process is designed to place each skater at the level of play that will best promote the development of their hockey skills. Please read this packet carefully and review it with your child so they have an idea of what to expect when they get to the rink.

Tryouts are a stressful time for the kids who are trying out, as well as the parents. It is also a stressful time for the volunteers who organize the tryouts. In order to make the process as efficient as possible there are a few things that each parent and skater can do that will help the tryouts run more smoothly.

- **Make sure you know what time to be at the rink. It is very important that the kids are at the rink, dressed, and ready to skate 30 minutes prior to their scheduled ice time.** This will give us time to make any necessary last minute changes. If the session before yours ends early, we may have the opportunity to begin the next session early.
- Parents, this is your responsibility. Problems will arise, some you see coming, some you won't; it is very important everyone cooperate with the tryout staff and be patient with the entire process.

Below are some tips for both parents and skaters:

Players may not wear any Elite, AAA, or any other jerseys, socks or helmets not approved by the Northern Edge Co-op Committee. Any name plates on jerseys or helmets must be removed before going on the ice. This rule will be enforced for each skater, at each session, at all levels.

SKATERS:

BE ON TIME – Dressed and ready to go 30 minutes prior to your session.

- ✓ Show up for the tryout in shape. Do not let the pre-skate be the first time you have skated this season. There are many area rinks that have open hockey as well as open skating.
- ✓ Inspect your hockey equipment and repair anything that needs to be in game condition.
- ✓ Give 100% each time you skate a drill or skate in a scrimmage; try not to be nervous, relax, remain calm and focus on what you are doing.
- ✓ Pay close attention and follow directions.
- ✓ BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!

PARENTS/SPECTATORS:

BE ON TIME – Your skater must be dressed and ready to go 30 minutes prior to their session.

- ✓ Be realistic of your child's ability. Do not put any extra pressure on your child. They know why they are at tryouts and what is at stake.
- ✓ Relax, stay calm, and enjoy the tryouts. If you are calm and having fun, then chances are good that your child will too.
- ✓ Any issues or concerns you may have should be discussed in an adult and orderly fashion with a Northern Edge Co-op Committee member or a member of either association Board.
- ✓ Your help is essential to the success of tryouts.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Any person(s) disrupting the tryout process will be asked to leave the rink and not be allowed to return until the tryouts are complete. This includes all Coaches and Board Members at tryouts as well.

GOALTENDERS

GOALTENDER TRYOUT PROCESS:

All goaltenders at all levels will participate in a skill drill session with the evaluators on the Monday of try-outs. They will also participate in each scrimmage at their respective levels on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. The goalie judge will give each goalie a score of 1-10 points for each drill demonstrated. Skills to be demonstrated are:

→ Stance → Movement → Recovery → Angles → Net Awareness

Goalies will also receive scores of 1-10 points for each shift they play in the scrimmages. In addition to the drill session skills, scoring during the scrimmages will be based on the following:

Rebound Control → Team Play → Stopping the Puck → Overall Ability

The number of goalies at each level will determine how many shifts each goalie will skate. Goalies will rotate every 3 goalie shifts from net to net to the penalty box. Each individual goalie shift will span a time of 5 minutes. Scores from the drill sessions and the scrimmage sessions will be combined to create a final score.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS:

If there are only as many goalies at a particular level as there will be teams, no matter the point spread between goalies, the highest scoring goalie will play for the top level team, the second highest scoring goalie will play for the second level team and the 3rd level goalie for the 3rd level team, etc. If scores are within 10% of each other, goalies will go into goalie pool play.

All skaters who try out for a goalie position, and are placed on a team as a goalie, are expected to play the goalie position throughout the season.

The Northern Edge Co-op Committee reserves the right to place goalies on teams as needed as long as it represents the order of placement at tryouts.

Until we are certain of how many goalies we have, and how many teams we will have at a given level, this procedure will most certainly change or may be altered to ensure that each goalie has a fair and equal opportunity and that each team will have a goal tender.

Please note, if a player has ambition of playing both goalie and skater they will be required to tryout as a goalie and as a skater. In addition, the goalie's do NOT need to partake in day 1 of try-outs which is the skater's skills session.

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SKATER TRYOUT PROCESS

EVALUATORS:

The evaluation team is comprised of 4 individuals. These evaluators are Level 3 or higher certified coaches who have each coached at the traveling level from the White Bear Lake area in District 2. They will evaluate each skater on the following:

- Skating skills, forward and backward
- Puck skills, stick handling and shooting
- Team play
- Rink awareness
- Effort

SQUIRT/U10, PEEWEE/U12, BANTAM/U14 PROCEDURE:

Tryouts consist of 1 session of skill drills and 3 scrimmage sessions:

- The skills session will incorporate multiple skills to be demonstrated for evaluation by the judges. Skaters will receive a score of 1-10 points for each drill they skate.
- Session 2, 3, and 4 will be scrimmage sessions, with session 4 being a final "coach/pool" selection process.

For Squirt/U10 and Peewee/U12, overall scoring will be 33.3% from skills sessions and 66.7% from scrimmage sessions. For Bantam/U14, overall scoring will be 20% from skills sessions and 80% from scrimmage sessions.

Note to all skaters during scrimmage sessions: Any flagrant penalties will result in the judges deducting points from the offending skaters score. If the penalty is deemed to be with intent to injure another skater, the offending player will be ejected from the remainder of that session and receive no score for that particular session. The Northern Edge Co-op Committee will meet to determine if further action should be taken.

SCRIMMAGE FORMAT (All Levels):

Each level will be randomly divided into groups. Each group will then be randomly divided into lines matching the scrimmage format. Each line will skate one-minute shifts. The lines will be shuffled after a specific set of shifts. Skaters will receive scores of 1-10 points for each shift they skate, scores will be based on the following skills:

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| ➤ Team Play & Effort | ➤ Skating Ability | ➤ Rink Awareness |
| ➤ Shooting & Passing Skills | ➤ Board & Corner Play | ➤ Offensive & Defensive Play |

Ghost skaters will be necessary to complete lines during the scrimmage sessions. Ghost skaters will not receive scores for the shifts they skate. Ghost skaters will be selected randomly and given ample recovery time

before their next shift. Ghost skaters are unaware of performing this unevaluated shift to insure fairness to all skaters.

SCORES:

At the conclusion of the third scrimmage session, the scores for each skater will be totaled and listed in order from the highest score to the lowest score at each level. These scores will help determine the Coaches/Pool selection process detailed in the team selection section, which will be held during session 4. In the event there are two skaters who are tied, the following procedure will be used to break their tie:

- ✓ 1st tie breaker: Total score of the second scrimmage session
- ✓ 2nd tie breaker: Total score of the first scrimmage session
- ✓ 3rd tie breaker: Total score of the skills evaluation
- ✓ 4th tie breaker: Number of years at level of play (i.e. 1st year bantam vs 2nd year bantam)
- ✓ 5th tie breaker: Level classification played at during previous season (i.e. A bantam vs AA bantam)
- ✓ 6th tie breaker: Coin Flip

Scores will not be posted at the rink nor will they be given or shown to anyone other than the Northern Edge Co-op members during the tryouts.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS:

At the conclusion of session 3 of the tryout process, the scores for each skater at each level will be totaled and listed from the highest score to the lowest score for team placement. This list will only be available to the Co-op Committee, associated Board Members, and Head Coaches. The scores will be reviewed as detailed below for the session 4 "coach/pool".

The top 80% of players for each team are determined by evaluation scores. The additional roster spots for the team will be selected by the designated Head Coach/Co-op Committee, which will occur on or near day 4 of the try-outs. The remaining 20% of the roster must be selected from the next grouping of players that is equal to the number of remaining roster spots multiplied by two.

Example Scenario:

1. 15 player team roster
2. Top 12 ranking players are locked by 80% rule
3. Remaining 20% of roster equals 3
4. Doubled equals 6
5. Head Coach/Co-op Committee have a grouping of the next 6 ranked players based on evaluation scores to select the final 3 roster spots

The tryout committee and selected Head Coach can add additional players to the potential roster pool if there is a tie or very close score at the 20% cutoff. **The Head Coach and Co-op Committee will express reasoning for each selection to the St. Francis and North Branch Board designees for approval.**

If a board member or tryout committee member is the parent or guardian of a skater that is in the 20% selection window or if the parent or guardian of a skater is not in the 20% but has been requested by the coach as a coach's selection, the parent/guardian will not participate in the discussion regarding the coach's selections for this team.

Northern Edge Co-op Committee must review and approve all final roster selections. Upon approval, the final rosters will be posted as soon as they are available.

If there are any circumstances or unforeseen situations during the tryout process that are not covered in this packet, it will require Northern Edge Co-op Committee action to resolve the issue. Northern Edge Co-op Committee reserves the right to change or alter any part of the tryout process or procedures to ensure a fair and equal opportunity for all skaters.

ATTENDANCE/INJURY POLICY

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY:

All skaters are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions at their respective level. Any skater who will be absent or tardy must notify the Northern Edge Co-op Committee. Skaters who are late or absent without prior approval from the Northern Edge Co-op Committee will receive no scores for the ice time they miss. Skaters who have the approval to be late or absent will have their scores averaged out to provide a score for any time missed. Excused absences will be granted only in situations that are uncontrollable, emergency in nature, or considered life changing.

- If a skater chooses not to participate in the tryout process, the skater will be placed on the lowest level team at their appropriate age group.

INJURY/ILLNESS POLICY:

Skaters who are not able to tryout due to illness or injury must notify the Northern Edge Co-op Committee prior to scheduled evaluations. A note from a doctor may be requested to release your child to participate in the tryouts. Northern Edge Co-op Committee will hold an open spot, for 10 days after the final tryout date, for any skater who cannot participate in the tryouts due to injury or illness, and have met the requirements of this policy. If after the 10 day extension has occurred, and the player is still not returned to the ice, there can be an appeal if needed to the Age Director who will take the appeal to the Co-Op Committee for review. Upon the skater's recovery and release from the skater's doctor, the skater will have up to 3 hours of pre-skate and 3 hours of evaluation ice time with the head coach at the last level. The head coaches of all teams will evaluate the skater during these time frames and determine the appropriate level/team for the skater based upon his/her skill. All team selection decisions must be approved by the Northern Edge Co-op Committee.

PRE-SKATE & TRY OUT TIMES

All pre-skate and try-out times can be found by navigating to www.sfyha.com/tryouts. Please reference this page for all dates and times. Please monitor this page as dates and times can change.