

## BYHA Tryout Information Summary

BYHA Tryouts for all travel levels with tryouts are right around the corner. This summary covers key information for families preparing for hockey tryouts. Please pay special attention to the **RED** highlighted info.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Tryout Coordinator: [tryouts@buffalohockey.net](mailto:tryouts@buffalohockey.net)
- All conflicts, injuries, and issues **MUST** be reported to the **Tryout Coordinators** ASAP
- Communication with coaches or board members does NOT get properly tracked

### ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### Clinics (Optional)

- **DON'T** notify if you can't attend clinics
- **DON'T** attend the wrong group's clinic
- Attendance is not tracked or mandatory
- Note midweek tryouts between tryout sessions

#### Tryouts (Required)

- **Must attend 50% of tryouts minimum to be placed**
- **DO** report all conflicts ASAP (football, other sports, family events)
- Excused absences won't count against you (most legit conflicts can be excused)

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS

#### Before Tryout #1

- Report any last-minute changes (opt-outs, sibling placements)
- **See equipment rules below**

#### Equipment Rules

- **Remove helmet stickers before first tryout (goalies exempt)**
- **Socks, Skate laces, and Stick tape must be Buffalo colors ONLY:**
  - **White**
  - **Black**

- Purple
- Grey
- **Required: Neck protection (as of 8/1/24) and mouthguards**
- **You will not be allowed on the ice if your equipment is out of compliance**

## **INJURY PROTOCOL**

- **DO** report injuries or illness that prevent participation
- **DON'T** try out through an injury
- Doctor's note required for injury/illness exceptions

## **TRYOUT LOGISTICS**

### **Arena Access**

- **Locker rooms:** Available 30 minutes before your session
- **Locker Room Monitors are always needed** - There are numerous male and female LRM positions available in the first week of tryouts. Tryouts can not happen if we do not have LRMs. There are no coaches to fill in this role during the tryout sessions.
- **Arena viewing:** CLOSED to parents/spectators during tryouts
- Restrooms in Peterson (if open) or Kwik Trip (Grab coffee, too...)

### **Scheduling**

- View schedules on the tryout page (ensure you select 2025-2026 season)
- Boys may shuffle groups during tryouts (Email communication)
- Group shuffles occur after Squirt tryout 2 and PW/B tryout 2

## **EVALUATION PROCESS**

- Same evaluation team for all your skater's tryouts
- Mix of internal and external qualified evaluators
- Teams posted within 48 hours of tryout completion

## **SPECIAL NOTES**

### **For Parents**

- Support your skater, push them positive

- Ensure adequate rest and nutrition
- Have equipment ready (sharp skates, taped sticks)
- Avoid negative talk about tryouts in front of players
- Apply the 24 hour rule if needed

#### For Players

- Come ready to do your best
- Communicate issues with parents/coaches
- Build each other up, you're all teammates
- HAVE FUN

#### For Goalies

- Refer to separate goalie coordinator information
- Follow skater schedules but use goalie groups
- Report conflicts to both goalie AND tryout coordinators

#### KEY REMINDERS

- Ask questions if you have them - don't assume
- Teams will be posted to level pages when finalized
- Email notification sent when teams are posted

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