



**Parent Meeting For Boy Traveling Hockey
2024-2025 Season**



AVBHA BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Executive Board

Executive Board members are elected to one year terms by the AVBHA Board

- **Andrew Spencer**
– *President*
- **Joanie Baltes**
– *Vice President*
- **Luke Korkowski**
– *Treasurer*
- **Jodi Oster**
– *Secretary*

Outgoing Board Members

Thank you for your service and
dedication to AVBHA Youth
Hockey!

- **Jeremy Pries**
- **Eric Robb**
- **Ginger Lemke**
- **Brian Gibson**

New Board Members

- **Charles Rosenfield**
- **Jeff Lantz**
- **Mindy English**
- **Nick Schultz**



LEVEL COORDINATORS

Level Coordinators

- **Mites**
 - Luke Korkowski
- **Girls**
 - Joanie Baltes
- **Goalies**
 - Alex Borchert

Level Coordinators

- **Squirts**
 - Matt Czech
- **PeeWee**
 - Randy Naughton
- **Bantam**
 - Brad Shear
- **Junior Gold**
 - Jodi Oster



New Rules and Policies

MN Hockey Waiver Policy

- There are no school attendance waivers as of 01/31/2024
- If you were on a school attendance waiver prior to this date, you are grandfathered in as long as you remain in the same school boundaries as the original waiver stated.
- There are a few exceptions:
 - Between the last day of mites and the first day of squirts.
 - Jr. Gold and U19

AVBHA waiver policy

AVBHA considers waivers for players leaving or coming into our Association in accordance with Minnesota Hockey and District 8 policy. Details of the participation policy can be found in section 4 of the MN Hockey Handbook. Waivers must be signed by the AVBHA President.

It is the policy of AVBHA to deny Outbound Discretionary Waivers with the exception of:

- Ninth grade players that are not attending AVHS or BHS. A conditional waiver will be issued to the player to participate in the association whose boundaries include the location of the high school the player attends. This waiver is conditional based on attendance of the school during their entire ninth grade school year.



**HOCKEY
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Hockey Development Committee

Jeremy Pries

- Past AVHA President

Chris Sikich

- Head Girls High School Hockey Coach

Tate Erickson

- Head Boys High School Hockey Coach

Hockey Development Committee

- Advisory body overseeing the process of training and development
- Made up of experienced, knowledgeable hockey people
- Reports to, and is appointed by, the President
- Oversees Player Development Coordinators (PDCs)
- Recommends team level designations and sizes
- Recommends and trains coaches

Hockey Development Updates

- E-Train
 - Summer Treadmill sessions
 - In-season treadmill training for teams
- Preseason Sunday Games
 - *Squirts / 10U*
- In-season Skill Sessions or Game Days
 - PDC/HS coaches/players
- TPG (Collin/Mac)
 - Goalie Clinics Fall/Winter

Current Traveling Teams

Boys/Youth

- Squirt A, B2, B2, C
- Peewee A, B1, B2, C
- Bantam: A, B1, B2, B2, C [EVHA Co-op]
 - *EVHA Hosts A, B2, C*
 - *AVB Hosts B1, B2*
- Junior Gold: B

Girls/Valkyries

- 10U A, B1, B2, B2
- 12U B1, B2
- 15U B

Current Traveling Teams

Level	Co-op	Skaters	Goalies	Teams
Bantam	EVHA	68-70	6-7	5 Total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EVHA: A, B2, C ● AVB: B1, B2
Peewee	-	40-42	3	3 - A, B2, C
Squirt	-	44-48	7	5 - A, B1, B2, C, C
15U	EVHA +addt'l	7	1	Co-op B team
12U	EVHA	30-32	2	3 - B1, B1, B2 (AVB hosts)
10U	EVHA	48-50	6	4 - A, B1, B2, B2 (AVB hosts)
Jr Gold	-	TBD	TBD	1

Expect adjustments to team counts prior to tryouts: SQ & possibly 12U



SEASON UPDATES

Neck Guard Required

New requirement this season effective immediately.

Needed for clinics, tryouts, practice and games.

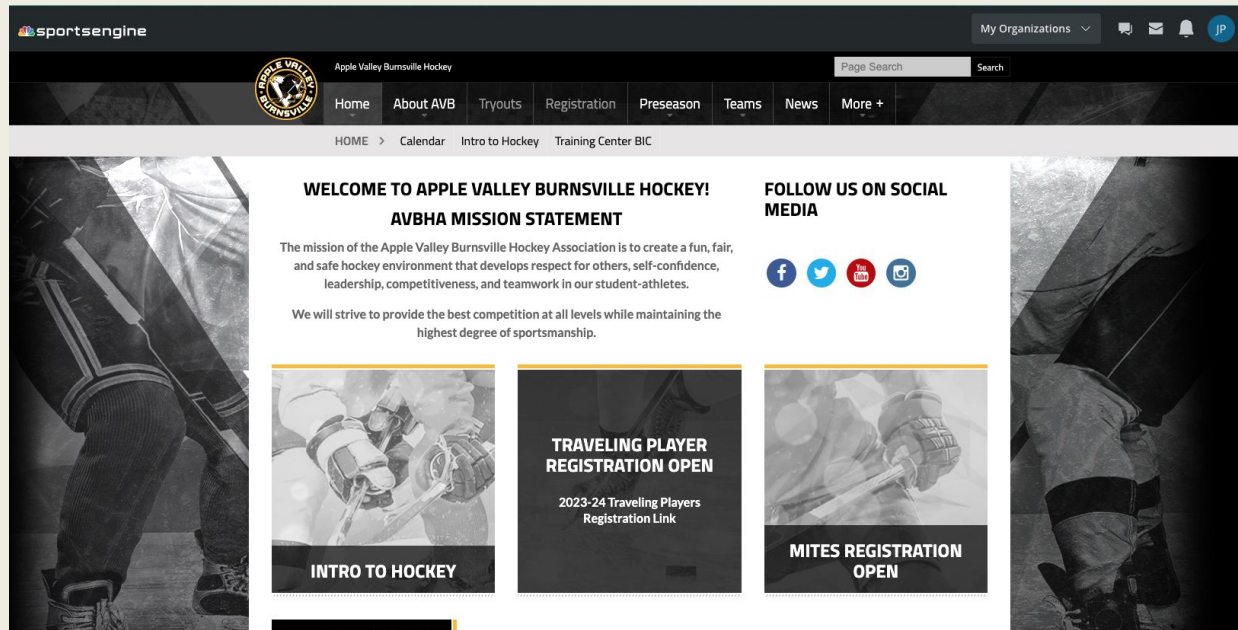
Goalies too; dangles do not count



Shirt or separate collar allowed



Website = avbhockey.com



- Eventual replacement (but not this year) for both applevalleyhockey.com and blazehockey.com
- New website will have preseason and team schedules/sites
- Content pages will move over to the new soon.
- All future registrations will be on new site.

Locker Room Monitors

Locker room monitors are required by the USA Hockey SafeSport program

- **Not optional**
 - *Suspensions and fines if we do not comply*
- **Must be IN the locker room**
 - *Must have MN Hockey background screening*
 - *Must complete SafeSport training*
- **Must be same gender as team**

Volunteer Information

We cannot function without our member volunteers!

- **Per Family Requirement**
 - *10 hours*
- **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - *Jodi Oster*
 - *Charles Rosenfield*
 - *volunteers@applevalleyhockey.com*
- **Earn your “dibs” during:**
 - *Preseason clinics*
 - *Intro to hockey*
 - *Try Hockey Free Day*
 - *Tournaments*

Codes of Conduct

You are responsible for your
behavior

- **AVBHA Member Handbook**
- **Simple things to remember:**
 - *Support coaches and players*
 - *No negative comments*
 - *Refs ref, coaches coach and parents cheer*
 - *Allow 24 hours “cooling off”*
 - *Speak with the coach privately first*
 - If necessary, escalate to the Level Coordinator



TRYOUTS

[ALL]



Tryout Overview

- **“Closed”** to all but Evaluation Committee and other board members
 - No parents allowed at a child’s tryout
 - You can come in tie skates
- Evaluations based on both drills and scrimmages
- Four on-ice days
 - Bantam = Sunday Nov 29 - Sunday Oct 6
 - Pee-wee = Wednesday Oct 9 - Sunday Oct 13
 - Squirt = Tuesday Oct 8 - Sunday Oct 13
- Parents cannot be involved with tryouts at their child’s age

Tryout Attire

■ Pinnies

- *Tryout pinnies will be provided on the 1st day*
- *Players keep the same number throughout*
- *Must bring their pinnie to each session*
- *No changing pinnies with other players once assigned*

■ Jerseys, Helmets, Socks

- *Must be neutral or AVBHA/EVHA colors*
- *Non-Association helmet stickers should be removed*
- *No player names allowed on helmets*

Areas of evaluation

Skaters

- Forward/backward skating
- Transitions
- Puck control
- Passing
- Shooting
- Compete level
- Hockey sense

Goalies

- Skating ability
- Strength/movement on skates
- Positioning
- Save execution
- Compete level
- Game awareness

Scoring scale: 0-5

Attendance

- Players should attend all sessions when healthy
- Any and all attendance issues should be discussed with level coordinator
- Sick or injured? Call level coordinator to discuss.

Injured or sick process

- Players missing a significant portion of the tryout will go through a supplemental evaluation to determine team placement.

Tryout Feedback

It's ok to ask!

- **Contact level coordinator to get feedback from the evaluation team**
 - *Info provided will focus on strengths and weaknesses*
 - *Will not cover ranking compared to others*

**** No evaluation team members should be contacted by parents**



TRYOUTS

[PEEWEE/SQUIRT]

Evaluation Team

The following individuals will be involved in the player selection process

- Evaluators - Four
 - *Scoring & discussion*
- TPG Evaluator
 - *Scoring goalies only & discussion*
- Non-parent Coaching Staff
 - *Scoring & discussion*
- On-ice lead instructor
 - *Discussion*
- On-ice assistant
 - *Discussion*

Daily Schedule [Peewee/Squirt]

Session 1

- **Two** groups
- Split by last name
- No goalies at full sessions
- Goalies attend goalie specific tryout

- Skating
- Puck control
- Shooting
- Cross-ice 3v3

Session 2

- **Two** groups
- Split by last name
- Goalies attend assigned session

- Compete
- Cross-ice 3v3

Daily Schedule [Peewee/Squirt]

Session 3

- **Two** groups - **Gold/Brown**
- Split by skill

- 4v4
- 5v5
- Players from 1st session may be asked to stay for the 2nd

Session 4

- **Two** groups - **Gold/Brown**
- Split by skill

- 5v5 vs Eastview
- Players from 1st session may be asked to stay for the 2nd



TRYOUTS

[Bantam]



Evaluation Team

The following individuals will be involved in the player selection process

- Evaluators - Three from each AVBHA and EVHA
 - *Scoring & discussion*
- TPG Evaluator
 - *Scoring goalies only & discussion*
- Non-parent Coaching Staff
 - *Scoring & discussion*
- On-ice lead instructor
 - *Discussion*
- On-ice assistant
 - *Discussion*

Daily Schedule [Bantam]

Session 1

- 3 groups
- Split by last name
- Goalies Optional; their goalie specific tryout is earlier in the day and required.

- Skating
- Puck control
- Shooting
- Cross-ice 3v3

Session 2

- 3 groups
- Split by last name
- Goalies attend assigned session

- Compete
- Cross-ice 3v3
- 4v4

Daily Schedule [Bantam]

Session 3

- **2 groups - Green & Orange**
 - Goalies attend assigned session
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- 4v4
 - 5v5

Session 4

- **3 groups - Green, Orange, & Yellow**
 - Goalies attend assigned session
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- 5v5 vs. TBD
 - Players from 1st/2nd session may be asked to stay for the 2nd/3rd session

Tryout Results

Check the schedule/updates on our website!

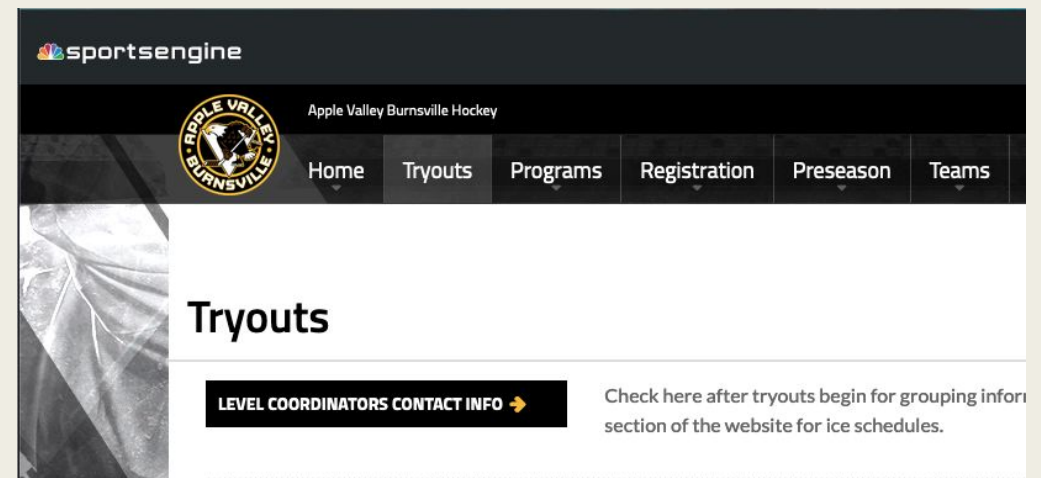
<https://www.avbhockey.com/tryouts>

When to check:

- **Bantam: after sessions 1, 2, 3**
- **PW/SQ: after sessions 2 & 3**

■ Before skill split days

- *Check website for your player's pinnie number*
- *Website determines when they skate next*
- *Tryout groups are posted as quickly as possible*

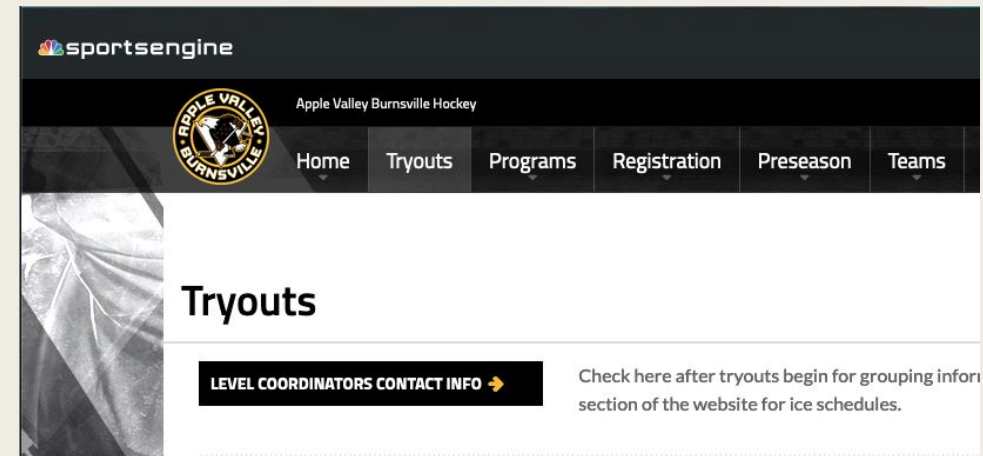


Tryout Process – **Goalies**

- **“Closed”** to all but Tryout Selection Committee members
 - *TPG will be providing evaluation input*
- Attend specific goalie tryout
 - *Bantam - Sept 29*
 - *Squirt/Peewee - Oct 6*
- Attend regular tryout days with your age group
 - *Goalies do not attend day 1 (bantams optional)*

Following Tryouts **EAGLES**

- **Teams will be posted as quickly as possible**
 - *Teams will be posted on our website*



- **Teams will start skating the following week.**



ICE BILLS

Ice Bills

- Based on actual costs & includes:
 - *Tournament fees*
 - Invitational, District, Region, State
 - *Practice & game ice*
 - *District and MN Hockey fees*
 - *Training Center fee*
 - *Additional fees related to specific teams*
 - For example: additional tourneys, non-parent paid coach

Ice Bills

- Payments
 - *Monthly payments will be handled through SportsEngine*
- Financial assistance is available
 - *Information is in the AVBHA Handbook*
 - *Applications are sent to AVBHA President*
 - *Financial assistance is for ice bills only*
 - Does not cover registration fees or team dues



QUESTIONS?

A group of ice hockey players in white jerseys and helmets huddled together on an ice rink. The jerseys have names like 'MORRIS' and 'SPENCER' and 'WESTWOOD SPORTS' visible. The background is dark and out of focus, showing spectators in the stands. The image is framed by a dark brown L-shaped bar on the top-left and a yellow L-shaped bar on the bottom-right.

THANK YOU

Let's have a great season!