



Tier I AAA Tryout Process

Dear Junior Hurricanes Family:

Thank you for joining us at the Carolina Junior Hurricanes 2021-2022 tryouts! This is an exciting time for the Carolina Junior Hurricanes program; with the increase in players trying out, our program will be more competitive than ever. We are thrilled you are interested in joining the Carolina Junior Hurricanes family. As tryouts begin, we would like to take a moment to explain the evaluation process:

1. Each age group will be evaluated by the coaches for that age group, as well as a minimum of two non-associated evaluators. For example: PW AAA Minor will typically be evaluated by the PW AAA Minor coach, PW AA Minor coach, and at least two other non-associated evaluators (may be coaches from other age groups including AA/A coaches).
2. Each player will be evaluated on a set of standard evaluation criteria reviewed and approved by the Tryout and Program Committees. These will be specific to both skaters and goalies. Goalies will also be evaluated in a "Goalies Only" session where they will be evaluated on specific goalie skills which will include movement, mobility, and skating which are not specific to stopping a puck.
3. Each player will be required attend an off-ice testing session designed for athletic evaluation.
4. Every player must be evaluated to make a team except in cases of injury. A player who is injured may make a team based on past history, coach recommendation and general knowledge of the player. Evaluators may use "supplemental" tryouts to evaluate players either before or after the announced tryout dates. Exceptions will be handled individually at the discretion of the Executive Hockey Directors. Players who are not at all sessions reduce the chances for the evaluators to place a player at the appropriate level.
5. Sessions will typically be scrimmages. Each such session will have 1 ref from the local TEOA association.
6. In the later stages of the tryout (usually the last session), where the evaluators may be trying to determine the last few positions, they may move those players to one end for a series of "small games" designed to see these players against each other. These will help determine the last few players selected.
7. There will be at least one parent/evaluator on each bench to ensure players are rotating on the ice as equally as possible. In a case where a parent is asked to supervise, his/her player cannot be on the same bench.
8. Groups/Teams for each age will be divided by position, then by alphabetical order. We may rebalance the groups after the first session by moving a minimal number of players (players will be notified in person by an evaluator) if we feel there is competitive imbalance between the teams. We will want to ensure each player has an equal competitive ability to show their skills as much as possible. Players will remain with their assigned group unless otherwise required by the evaluation team.
9. We reserve the right to make offers for any teams after the first session. Players who are selected at any time during the tryout process will be notified by email and/or phone/verbally in person.

10. The head coach for each age group will hold a parent meeting after the first sessions to review the morning sessions and briefly outline the next steps in the tryout process
11. Players may be cut after the second session. Players who are cut at any time will be notified by email. The email will inform players how to request verbal feedback should they desire a phone call from an evaluator.
12. If cuts are made prior to the final session, we will re-organize the groups and the new groups will be emailed on the evening prior to the final session.
13. Each selection discussion will be overseen by at least one of the Executive Hockey Directors (Steve Henley, Jocelyn Langlois) and/or a Junior Hurricanes BOD member . Players will be chosen through a collaborative process. The evaluators will share their evals throughout the process and will discuss player selection during and after each session. The Head Coach does not have authority to pick his team, ALL evaluators must agree on the selection of every player.
14. After the final session, we will make every attempt to finalize rosters as quickly as possible. However, please understand the evaluators may need additional time to make the final selections, and players sometimes need additional time to make acceptance decisions for various reasons. The final decision making process can take as much as 72hrs after the final session has ended.

Our goal as an organization is to field competitive teams that place players on the right team to further development. As such, we want to take the appropriate time to evaluate all players and the timing of offers given will differ by individual. We understand this can be a stressful time for players and families, and we will do all we can to be transparent and provide timely information about where your child is in the process. Our intention will be to fill all the teams during the weekend of tryouts.

If you have any questions during the tryout process, please see any members of our staff, who will do all possible to assist you.

We wish you luck this weekend and thank you again for your interest in the Carolina Junior Hurricanes!

Sincerely,

The Carolina Junior Hurricanes Board and Executive Hockey Directors

FAQs

1. If I get an offer, how do I register? If you receive an offer, you will receive an email to the address you used at registration by the end of the day. At that time, you can confirm acceptance and enter payment details.

2. Do the Carolina Junior Hurricanes offer a payment plan? If so, how does it work? Yes, there are two payment options. You may pay in full for a discount or spread your payment over 5 payments including the acceptance payment. Please see the Youth Program Presentation for specific details (will be posted by Apr 15). You can find this on the website and we will also have a copy at the registration desk during tryouts. You may also ask for a personal payment plan, you will need to contact our bookkeeper at jenny.kosnik@juniorhurricanes.org (this request may only be used for extreme payment circumstances)

3. How much is the initial deposit to secure my spot? The acceptance payment will 25% of the total fee for your team. The remainder will be paid in 6 equal monthly instalments beginning in June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov.

4. What forms of payment do the Carolina Junior Hurricanes accept? We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to accept American Express.

5. Do the Carolina Junior Hurricanes offer a sibling discount? There will be a sibling discount code of \$200 for families with more than 1 youth player in the organization. This code can be used for each additional player (ex. 3 players in the same family = \$400 discount).

6. Do the Carolina Junior Hurricanes offer a discount for paying in full right away? If you choose to pay in full, you will receive a 2% discount off your season fee.

7. Where can I find program documents that outline what I get with the Carolina Junior Hurricanes? Go to www.carolinajuniorhurricanes.org and select "Programs", then "Program Summary" under the "More" tab on the top banner. The 2021-22 Details will be posted by Apr 15.

8. If I accept an offer, do I need to keep coming back to tryouts? Yes, every player is expected to attend the full tryout weekend as per the process outlined above.

9. When/where do I get fitted for apparel? We are currently in the process of working on a new apparel fitting process. We will inform all players prior to tryouts.

10. Do I need to buy apparel if I still have some from previous years? Here are the apparel needs:

A. Jerseys – you will select size and number and make payment for jerseys during the processing of your acceptance payment,

B. Practice Jerseys, practice socks, and games socks are included in the season fee

C. Shells, Bags, Warm Up jacket, Warm up pants, Workout T-shirt, and workout shorts are mandatory with ordering and payment processed directly through the Five Hole website. Five Hole will be providing discounted package pricing for these items.

D. Polos, caps, magnets, and other logoed items will be available through the Five Hole website but are Not mandatory

11. Can I use gear from last year? Yes, if you have game jerseys, shells, bag, warm-ups, etc. that fit, you may re-use those provided they are in decent condition and fit properly. ****NEW THIS YEAR**** we will be going to White (Home) and Black (Away) jerseys for the 2021-22 season. ALL players will be required to purchase a white jersey. Players who have black jerseys from a previous may reuse those for the 2021-22 season.

12. What is the evaluation Criteria? Skaters: Skating, Offensive Awareness, Defensive Awareness, Heart/Desire/Effort, Overall Game Awareness – Goalies – Skating, Rebounding, Lateral Movement, Up/Down, Quickness, Glove/Blocker, off-ice testing

13. Do I need to attend AAA tryouts in order to make a AA team? No! AAA tryouts are typically less attended than AA tryouts. Some players that could possibly play at the AAA level, simply choose not to tryout for various reasons. Therefore, attending AAA tryouts neither hinders nor gives anyone an advantage over another who does not attend.

14. If I am on the cut bubble at AAA tryouts, does that guarantee my player a AA spot? No! As stated above, some players that could possibly play at the AAA level, simply choose not to tryout for AAA for various reasons. As well, many players who have played AA for the majority of their careers do not necessarily attend AAA tryouts. As a result, the AA tryout can be just as competitive as the AAA tryouts for some players.

15. If I do not make a AAA team, do I need to register again for AA tryouts. Yes. Each tryout is different with different players. We purchase ice separately for both tryouts. We recommend you wait until AAA tryouts are completed if you are attending before signing up again for AA tryouts. Players who are not asked to return for the final Sunday session will receive a \$60 discount code to apply to the AA tryouts. We will send the code directly to those players once AAA tryouts are completed.