

Skills/Rust Remover: Free skates to attend so your skater can prepare for evals

Evals: A form of tryouts where your skater is evaluated by independent evaluators.

Tryouts: After evals and kids are ranked, a yet to be determined amount of players will be allowed to tryout for A & B teams.

Tryout Groups: These are randomly selected groups that your skater will be placed in for evals. The groups are emailed and placed on website generally two weeks prior to evals.

*** If there is only an A and a B team at an age level for the Warbirds, evals and tryouts will not be separated and will be held on the same night(s).**

1. Registration

1. **Skaters at registration will select their level in which they want to participate as a “Primary” team member.**
 1. **Guardians can switch their “Primary” team registration until September 1st.**
 2. **Guardians must notify the Hockey Committee Chair, Hockey Director, and Rink Manager by email.**
2. **Skaters at registration will be asked if they want to be considered for a Cross Roster or Dual Rostered Team**
 1. **At registration, skaters will have to pay the member or non-member fee for Cross Roster/Dual Rostering.**
 2. **Members will be asked to pay \$250 while Non-Members will pay \$350**
 3. **Skaters can change their Dual Roster or Cross Roster Selection by September 1st. If skaters are changing their Cross Roster or Dual Roster selection they will need to email Hockey Committee Chairs, Hockey Director and Rink Manager.**
3. **Releases after eval checks in will be reviewed on a case by case basis by our Hockey Committee, Club President, and Club Vice-President.**
4. **For Cross Rostering/Dual Rostering rules please see Cross Rostering/Dual Rostering rules PDF on the Youth Hockey webpage.**

2. Are spectators allowed to watch?

1. Spectators will not be allowed in the stands on Rink B and will not be allowed in the stands on the side the evaluators are on Rink A.
3. What will evaluations look like?
 1. We will have three days of evaluations
 1. Skaters will be broken into groups ahead of the skills session and assigned to a coach to start the session
 2. One Day of all skills
 3. Two days of scrimmages
 1. Horn/whistle will blow every 1 min to 1.5 min for a line change
 2. Coaches/evaluators will attempt to change lines vs each other if uneven lines occur
 1. Lines may be changed during the scrimmage to keep it competitive
 4. Skaters are evaluated on Skating, Shooting, Passing, Hustle, & Intangibles up to the evaluator's opinions.
 2. In the event there are only enough skaters to field two teams at a given level, the selected A coach has the discretion to have a two day eval/tryout as opposed to a three day evaluation and a one day tryout.
 1. The first session will be a skill focus evaluation. The second session will be a game focus session.
 2. The selected A coach will be allowed to create his own skill session or they can use the skill session plan provided to other on ice coaches at evals.
 3. The selected A coach can be on the ice for both sessions, use independent on ice coaches, or coaches of his choosing to run the eval/tryout.
 4. Even though it is an eval and tryout at the same time. Independent evaluators will be used and will work independently of the selected A coach.
 1. Evaluation scores will not be revealed to the selected A coach but used to verify the validity of the team selected. The Hockey Committee Chairs, Hockey Director and/or Tryout Rep will see the evaluation scores.
 2. If the validity of the team selected is not determined to be fair by the Hockey Committee Chairs, Hockey Director and/or Tryout Rep, they have the ability to not certify the roster the selected A coach has presented.

4. Evaluators

- 1. Two to Four Independent evaluators will be evaluating the skaters on the skill sets listed in Section 3a-iv.**
 - 1. The same evaluators will be used for each level of evaluations.**
 - 2. Our Hockey Committee Chairs/Hockey Director acknowledge and express understanding regarding potential unforeseen circumstances, such as evaluators health or prior commitments, In the event an evaluator is unable to attend one or more sessions, the Hockey Committee and/or Hockey Director will exercise their discretion in assigning new evaluators as needed. This proactive approach is essential for upholding the integrity and fairness of the overall evaluation process.**
- 2. The selected A coach will be present, but not active in the evaluation process.**
- 3. Evaluators will be educated by Hockey Director/Hockey Committee Chairs on what they need to look for during the evaluation process**
- 4. Evaluators are to create independent evaluations of the skaters independent from each other.**
 - 1. In doing so, evaluators are asked to not sit near each other during the evaluation process and free from all electronic communication devices.**
- 5. Evaluation scores will not be revealed to the selected A, B, or C coaches.**
- 6. Evaluation scores will not be revealed to parents.**

5. Coaching Selection Process

- 1. Coaching Selection Committee will be appointed by the Club President, Hockey Director, and Hockey Committee Chairs to select A, B, and C level coaches**
- 2. All coaches will have applications turned in by 7/1/2025 with the A coach selected by 7/15/2025**
- 3. Coaches are not to tell guardians they would have taken their kid if they got the tryout.**
 - 1. Selected coaches are not allowed to select their assistant coaches until after the tryout process has been completed.**
- 4. Coaches to contact hockey director, or age-appropriate rep, or hockey committee chairs with any questions/concerns regarding skaters**
- 5. The chosen A coaches are required to be present at evaluations**

1. This gives the coach more opportunities to see skaters in skills and scrimmage scenarios

6. Team Selection

1. Prior to the A team priors, the Hockey Committee Chairs, Tryout Reps, and/or Hockey Director will notify the A coaches how many players will be selected on each team per level of hockey.
 1. This process will continue for B and C coaches.

7. A Tryouts

1. Upon conclusion of the evaluations, the Hockey Directors, Tryout Reps, and Hockey Committee Chairs will select the players who will attend the A tryouts.
 1. The A tryout selection process by the Hockey Directors, Tryout Reps and Hockey Committee Chairs is subjective to ensure that the selected A coach can best pick their team.
 1. The A team tryouts will consider the amount of skaters at the tryout and evaluation scores while selecting the A Tryouts.
 2. The A team tryouts will be posted on the Blue Line webpage and all skaters will be notified by email that the tryout list has been posted.
 3. Coaches will have the choice of the drills, structure, and teams if they chose to scrimmage during their tryouts.
 4. Coaches will also have the choice of adult participants on the ice ensuring a fair tryout.
 5. Skaters will be notified of team selection by email from the Tryout Rep, Hockey Director, Hockey Committee Chairs notifying them the team roster has been posted on the team pages.

8. Try-out reps

1. Will be named at a minimum of 2 weeks before evaluations
2. Will not have a skater at the age level they are a representative for
3. Can be a non-club member and may represent more than one age group
4. Will be present for evaluations and tryouts
5. Will be physically present at the time the hockey director enters evaluation scores from score sheets to computer

9. B team tryout

1. Skaters that don't make the A team, but had an A tryout will be rostered on the B team
2. ALL skaters that did not make or have a tryout for the A team, will have a B team tryout
3. All Skaters not selected on the B team will be placed on the C team.

1. **Every skater will be placed on a team regardless of skill level at an age-appropriate level.**

10. Goalie Selection

1. **Will be picked by the head coach, for the team they are trying out for**
2. **Goalies will be evaluated during scheduled evaluations**
 1. **Goalies will not be required to have a weekend or separate evaluation**
3. **Goalies will not be evaluated by separate evaluators than skaters**
 1. **Standardized evaluation form will be used during evaluation**