



NSPAHA Tryout Information Fall 2007

Tryout dates/times for Squirt/Peewee/Bantam boys for the 2007-08 season are as follows* :

Sat. 9/29	Sun. 9/30	Mon. 10/1	Tue. 10/2	Thur. 10/4	Sat. 10/6	Sun. 10/7
12:30-1:15 Squirt Goalies	11:30-1:45 Bantams	6:30-7:30 Peewee and Bantam Goalies	5:15-7:30 Squirts	6:30-7:30 Squirt A Pool	12:30-1:30 Squirt B Pool	2:00-3:45 Bantam B Pool
1:15-2:45 Squirts	2:00-4:15 Squirts	7:45-10:00 Peeweess	7:45-10:00 Bantams	7:45-8:45 Peewee A Pool	1:45-2:45 Squirt A Pool	4:00-5:30 Peewee B Pool
3:00-5:15 Peeweess	4:30-6:45 Peeweess			9:00-10:00 Bantam A Pool	3:00-4:00 Peewee B Pool	5:45-6:45 Squirt B Pool
5:30-7:45 Bantams					4:15-5:15 Peewee A Pool	
					5:30-6:30 Bantam B Pool	
					6:45-7:45 Bantam A Pool	

* The schedule on 10/4, 10/6 and 10/7 may have to be changed to some degree to accommodate outside scrimmages. The final schedule for those dates will be published on or before the date on which the pools are published.

As set forth in the NSPAHA Rules and Guidelines, players will be evaluated during the tryout process based upon the following skills:

Individual Skills:

- All edges (inside, outside, forward, backward)
- Agility
- Puck Handling
- Passing & Receiving
- Speed and Acceleration
- Shooting
- Checking (Pewees and Bantams only)

Team Skills (scrimmage/game situation)

- Understands the team concept
- Demonstrates an understanding of the nuances of the game
- Plays position
- Demonstrates a positive TEAM concept
- Demonstrates behavior which is conducive to success

The players at each age level will be divided into teams, with the players being identified by number only. Players will receive number and team assignments on the first day of tryouts.

All players/teams at a given age level will be required to attend multiple 2-hour sessions prior to pool selection. During those sessions, the teams will alternate being on and off the ice so that each of the teams will skate for an equal amount of time during the 2-hour block. That way, raters will have the opportunity to see and simultaneously compare all players at that age level during each session.

Goalies are required to attend each 2-hour scrimmage session at their age level, as well as a separate goalie skills session.

Players will be divided into pools after the 10/2 sessions. Posting of the pools will occur on 10/3 at 8:00 p.m. Posting will be done at Polar Arena and on the NSPAHA website. Do not contact Polar Arena staff regarding the posting of pools. After two sessions for each pool at each age level, final scores will be tabulated and teams will be selected. Teams will be posted on 10/10 at 8:00 p.m. at Polar Arena and on the NSPAHA website (following the completion of the tryout process for all NSPAHA players at the Squirt/10U level and above). Again, do not contact Polar Arena staff regarding the posting of teams.

As set forth in the NSPAHA Rules and Guidelines, any communications concerning tryouts should initially be directed to the appropriate age-level coordinator: Bantams - Pat Manteuffel (651-779-6361); Pewees - Dewey Berglund (651-770-5347); Squirts - Josh Mortenson (651-748-8643); Girls - Jim Krings (651-770-1928). If the age-level coordinator is not available, you may contact Tryout Director Peter Koller (651-777-9595).