

Onalaska Holmen Tornado Youth Hockey

Guidelines and Rules for Tryouts & Team Selection

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This document is meant to outline and explain the tryout and team placement process for the Onalaska/Holmen Tornado Youth Hockey Association. The purpose of this document is to maintain and communicate consistency and fairness on an ongoing basis for the Association, its members and its players.

Prior to tryouts, the Hockey Advisory Committee:

- Selects a team of on-ice coaches for each level to conduct the pre-tryout and tryout sessions. One person is designated as the lead coach.
- Appoints the tryout evaluation team. A minimum of 3 evaluators will be used and may be paid a nominal stipend. Every effort will be made to secure non-parent evaluators from outside the organization at each age level.
- Approves drills used during tryouts.

Tryout Process:

- Each level has both an age appropriate skill assessment and scrimmage session.
- Goalies will participate in both the scrimmage session and a goalie specific skill assessment session. For Squirt A Level and above - If a player tries out as a goaltender, it is assumed a commitment is made to play goalie for the entire season.
- Players will be assigned a tryout jersey and number that they use for both sessions.
- Players are evaluated on individual hockey skills and team/game skills.
- Tryouts are closed to spectators.
- Unexcused absences affect the player's evaluation rating.

Team Selection:

- Following the tryout sessions, the evaluators will submit roster recommendations to the coaching director and level coaches for final approval.
- Tryout scores will NOT be released and NO advice/feedback will be provided.
- Teams will be posted online once coaches are assigned and confirmed for that level.