



NSWC 2022-2023 Minor Hockey Tryout Process

- The tryout groups will be set primarily alphabetically and adjusted to have balanced positions and ability on each team; goalies will move around to ensure there is at least one per team. Players will not be allowed to change groups throughout Phase 1.
- All games will have a 2-minute shift buzzer to ensure all players get equal ice time
 - o Benches will have supervisors to ensure no kids are cutting lines.
- Scores & Ranking System
 - Per the Hockey Canada Guidelines set out for tryouts, players will be given a score out of 5 per skate from each evaluator. An average will be reached given these numbers, and working groups will be decided based off of these numbers.

U11 –

Pre-Phase (Sept 6th – 9th)

All players in U11 are mandated by Hockey Canada to follow the U11 Pathway which requires players to have 4 ice times that are not evaluated before the first official tryout session. These skates will begin Tuesday, September 6th and conclude Friday, September 9th.

The HC Skates schedule will be as follows:

Evaluation Schedule	Tuesday 6-Sep	Wednesday 7-Sep	Thursday 8-Sep	Friday 9-Sep
	Pre-Phase			
U11	HC Skate #1	HC Skate #2	HC Skate #3	HC Skate #4
Group A	5:15-6:15 PM HTC	6:30 - 7:30 PM HTC	5:15-6:15 PM HTC	6:30 - 7:30 PM HTC
Group B	5:30 - 6:30 PM Small	6:45 - 7:45 PM Small	5:30 - 6:30 PM Small	6:45 - 7:45 PM Small
Group C	6:30 - 7:30 PM HTC	5:15-6:15 PM HTC	6:30 - 7:30 PM HTC	5:15-6:15 PM HTC
Group D	6:45 - 7:45 PM Small	5:30 - 6:30 PM Small	6:45 - 7:45 PM Small	5:30 - 6:30 PM Small
U11 Goalies				

Tryout Phase 1 (Sept 10th – 13th)

Players will be assigned into one of four tryouts groups where they will play and be evaluated in one (1) skills evaluation skate, and three (3) scrimmages. After the third scrimmage, the groups will then be divided into 4 new teams: Black vs Red and Green v White. Once the new teams have been made, another evaluation game will take place.

The game layout will be as follows (**FULL SCHEDULE ALSO ATTACHED IN SEPARATE DOCUMENT**):

- Saturday, September 10th – Skills Evaluation Skate
- Sunday, September 11th – Evaluation Games (A vs B & C vs D) & (B vs D & C vs A)
- Monday, September 12th - Evaluation Game (B vs C & D vs A)
 - o At the conclusion of the Monday's game, players will be emailed with their reassignment for the following days Evaluation Game.
- Tuesday, September 13th - Evaluation Game (Black vs Red & Green vs White)

- At the conclusion of the Tuesday game, players will then be emailed with their reassignment for Working Groups - Phase 2.
- Phase 1 scores & working groups will be reviewed by the Minor Hockey Committee prior to being finalized.

Working Groups - Phase 2 (September 14th – 25th)

- At the conclusion of Phase 1, players will be notified by email of which working group they are assigned to.
- Phase 2 will have our players based in working groups with the A1, A2, A3 and A4 coaches. The players will now partake in both exhibition games and practices with their teams before final reassignments for the season.
- Schedules for Working Groups - Phase 2 (September 14th – 25th) are a work in progress, as exhibition games are scheduled in the next couple of weeks.
- In Phase 2, players will still have the opportunity to move up should they prove exceptional in their current working groups. This decision would be based on feedback from both the working group coach and the coach from team above, working together with the Hockey Department.

U13 –

Tryout Phase 1 (Sept 6th – 10th)

Players will be assigned into one of four tryouts groups where they will play and be evaluated in one (1) skills evaluation skate, and three (3) scrimmages. After the third scrimmage, the groups will then be divided into 4 new teams: Orange vs Grey and Red vs Blue. Once the new teams have been made, another evaluation game will take place.

The game layout will be as follows (**FULL SCHEDULE ALSO ATTACHED IN SEPARATE DOCUMENT**):

- Tuesday, September 6th –
 - Skills Evaluation Skate (Groups A & B)
 - Evaluation Game 1: C vs D
- Wednesday, September 7th –
 - Skills Evaluation Skate (Groups C & D)
 - Evaluation Game 2: A vs B
- Thursday, September 8th –
 - Evaluation Games 3 & 4 (B vs D & A vs C)
- Friday, September 9th –
 - Evaluation Games 5 & 6 (C vs B, A vs D)
 - At the conclusion of the Friday game, players will be emailed with their reassignment for the following days Evaluation Game.
- Saturday, September 10th – Orange vs Grey and Red vs Blue Games
 - At the conclusion of the Saturday game, players will then be emailed with their reassignment for the Working Group - Phase 2.
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- Schedules for Working Groups - Phase 2 (September 11th – 25th) are a work in progress, as exhibition games are scheduled in the next couple of weeks.
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U15 & U18 –

Working Groups (Sept 7th – 10th)

- The U15 & U18 levels will go straight to their working groups with the A1, and Hawks teams. The players will partake in both practices, and exhibition games with their teams before final reassignments for the season.
- Schedules for the Working Groups are a work in progress, as exhibition games are scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

The schedule layout will be as follows (**FULL SCHEDULE ALSO ATTACHED IN SEPARATE DOCUMENT**):

- Wednesday, September 7th – U15 Hawks and U18 Hawks Practices
- Thursday, September 8th – U15 A1 and U18 A1 Practices
- Friday, September 9th – U15 Hawks and U18 Hawks Practices
- Saturday, September 10th - U15 A1 and U18 A1 Practices

Evaluators

Evaluators are selected annually by the Hockey Department and Minor Hockey Committee to assess and score each player. Player scores are then used to form Working Groups.

- Evaluators are formally reviewed by the Hockey Department and the MHC to ensure that no conflict of interest exists.
 - E.g. relatives participating in the division being assessed.
- They possess a high-level of hockey knowledge and experience.
- Evaluators are not provided player names. Scoring is done against tryout jersey numbers, which is then provided to the Hockey Department for data entry.
- Each division will have a minimum of 4 evaluators
- Every effort will be made to have each evaluator attend each evaluation session.
- *The Upper Viewing Area will be closed to all parents, and will be for EVALUATORS ONLY*
- Evaluators may include the head coaches of that divisions rep teams and may also include assistant coaches.
- A lead evaluator will be assigned to each division to ensure each player received a proper evaluation and that all evaluation criteria are considered.
- Goalie evaluation skates will be managed and graded by a NSWC goalie coach.

- This same goalie coach will be responsible for evaluating the goalies during the scrimmage games.

Communication Guidelines

- Parents would not be able to contact NSWC hockey staff until the final selections for each team had been made. Requests for additional feedback or to dispute a selection must be submitted via email and contain an outline of reasoning for the request/dispute.
- At this stage parents could be, based on the discretion of the Hockey Director, provided the rankings of where their child fit in the overall evaluation process.
- Any parent who does not follow these communication guidelines, harasses the hockey staff, or is disruptive within their assigned team will face a 2-week suspension from hockey related activities at the NSWC.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are reminded to adhere to the NSWC Code of Conduct as well as the following:

- Evaluators are not to be approached or communicated with directly about the tryouts or players' score / performance.
- Remain in designated viewing areas during the tryout process (evaluators at ice-level, parents in designated viewing areas).
- Issues must be resolved through the *Conflict Resolution Process*, to the "24-hr no contact" rule.
- Review online and printed material related to the tryout process – be educated before your player participates.

Player Evaluation Scores

- Per Hockey Canada guidelines, each player will receive a 1 to 5 score as an overall hockey player
- Each evaluator would record their score out of 5, and scores will be averaged between all evaluators scores
- These reports will create an automated, overall average score for each player.
- A ranking of all players based on their overall average score following the evaluation.
- Goalies will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Skating
 - Rebound Control
 - Reading the play
 - Puck handling
 - Save Selection
 - Awareness
 - Competitiveness

Underage Player Policy

The North Shore Winter Club seeks to provide the best development options for all young players. In some cases, the skill set of a player may dictate that a move to a higher age division would better facilitate their development.

The parent of any player wishing to move to a higher age division must submit a written request to the Hockey Director (HD) and Minor Hockey Committee (MHC) no later than August 1st. The HD and MHC

will review and evaluate each request based on the following criteria: physical size, skill, strength, maturity and commitment. In addition, player registrations (i.e. Team roster size) will also dictate if there is an opportunity. The ultimate decision that allows for a player to move up into another age category rests with the Hockey Director.

The faculty will notify parents of the decision in writing no later than one week before the start of the tryout process.

If the Hockey Department rules in favor of the request, the player will be permitted to participate in the higher age division evaluation process. The Hockey Department can, at their discretion, at any time, return a player to their natural age level.

U13 and Up:

Players participating in a higher age division tryout process must succeed in being rated within the A1 Working Group following evaluations in order to remain in the higher division. If the player does not rank within the A1 Working Group, the player must return to their natural age division. Note: if the player is reassigned to the A2 Working Group during the team formation stage, the player remains in the Division.

Initiation/U11/Female:

With HD approval, a player underage by one birth year may try out for the A1 and/or Rep---level Working Groups. These underage players may be placed on any Rep teams based on their skills to a limit of three players per team, as per PCAHA guidelines. If an underage player is assigned to any rep Working Group after the Player Evaluation step, they cannot be returned to initiation level during the Team Formation step.

With Hockey Department approval, a player underage by more than one birth year may try out for Atom. These underage players must succeed in being rated within the A1 Working Group following evaluations in order to remain in the higher division. If the player does not rank within the A1 Working Group, the player must return to the initiation division.