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PURPOSE:

The tryout process is the basis for determining the competitive level of play (e.g., Major, Minor, A, B, C) for each youth player at each division. Spring tryouts are held for the Clifton Park Dynamo 10U and 12U, and Clifton Park Dynamo Girls' teams. Tryouts for the Eagles teams occur in the fall.

TRYOUT FEE:

A fee will be assessed to a player for each age division level for which they try out. For example, a player trying out for a Girls' 12U team and 12U team will pay two separate tryout fees.

A player trying out for Clifton Park Dynamo or Clifton Park Dynamo Girls' Divisions at multiple age levels will pay tryout fees for each division for which they enter the tryout.

TRYOUT PROCEDURES:

1. Any registered player for a given age group may choose to participate in the tryout process. (For Spring tryouts, registration is permitted immediately following tryouts). No tryouts are required for our 8U/6U division or the Club Hockey program.
2. Players are encouraged to try out for the age division (e.g., 10u, 12u, etc.) that corresponds with their birth year. Any CPYHA Team move up requests must be brought to the Division Director and reviewed by the CPYHA Board. Clifton Park Dynamo and Clifton Park Dynamo Girls' Teams shall not need a move up request. Players are expected to register and attend tryouts for the teams. A younger player who wishes to try out will not be turned away from an older age division.
3. All players are recommended to sign in 30-45 minutes prior to the scheduled tryout session. Note that players previously affiliated with another hockey association must present a release from that organization to be eligible to participate. Players should be ready to skate 10 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time. Orderly behavior is expected in the locker rooms at all times.
4. Eligible players not able to participate in any part of the tryout process for health/medical or any other reason must contact their respective Division Director in advance.
5. For spring tryouts, selected players will have to sign the Player Commitment Form when notified of selection to the team and will be granted a roster spot on the team for the upcoming season. Registration is required 24 hours after notification of selection. The Head Coach cannot hold a roster spot if a Player Commitment Form is not signed. If the player does not sign the Player Commitment Form, the player may have an opportunity to try out again at future tryouts, if a roster spot remains open.
6. In an effort to alleviate stress and anxiety for the players, parents, coaches, and evaluators, no individuals are allowed in the rink area during the tryout sessions except for the players being evaluated, and the

Evaluation Committee Members (including head coach/on-ice facilitator). Incoming players may proceed to the locker room for the next session, but must remain in the locker room area until the previous group is off the ice. Parents should remain in the lobby area during evaluations. In addition, Parents and Players are asked not to speak to the assigned Evaluators during the tryout process.

7. Supplemental tryouts may be held if roster spots remain open at later dates.
8. Any player evaluated at individual tryouts will be evaluated by the Division Director, Director of Player Development and Head Coach. They will follow the same evaluation process as in initial tryouts.

EVALUATION PROCESS:

1. The tryout process will typically consist of two or three sessions of on ice-drills and/or scrimmages as developed by the Director of Player Development and Head Coaches. These drills will be the basis for evaluating each player's ability for the level of competition.
2. For teams conducting a Spring tryout, there will be the option to hold an additional single tryout session in the summer/fall to fill roster spots incremental to the players selected in the Spring. Players who were unavailable to tryout in the Spring, or who tried out and were not selected, may participate in the summer/fall session if one is held.
3. Evaluators will independently rank players on a variety of skills using assigned jersey numbers, and then selection decisions will be made by committee consensus. A Head Coach may present his or her rationale for certain selection preferences to the Evaluators, but the ultimate decision must be achieved by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, the final decision is escalated to the Division Director, Director of Player Development, and ACE Coordinator (where selection is determined based on a majority vote with a focus on consistency in approach across the Association). Goaltenders are selected based on this same process.
4. The Director of Player Development selects the Evaluators (with assistance if required from the ACE Coordinator or the Division Directors) based on hockey background and unbiased perspective. In addition to the Head Coach, there will be approximately three Evaluators appointed for each session. No parent or relative can evaluate a tryout for which he/she has a player participating, unless that parent/relative is the Head Coach.
5. For tryout sessions, the Division Director provides each player with a random jersey number as a player identifier for the evaluation purposes. It is required that each player wears his or her assigned jersey for each session.
6. Players will be notified at conclusion of final tryouts and Player Commitment Forms must be signed.