

River Lakes Stars Hockey

Player Evaluation and Tryout

The River Lakes Stars Player Development Committee has established a process for conducting tryouts. The objective of the tryout process is to ensure that each player is given a fair evaluation and that all players are placed at the most appropriate level for their abilities. Players are assigned teams based on performance in tryouts, the judgment of the Player Development Committee, and those deemed as evaluators. Teams are selected based on the recommendation of the evaluators. Rosters will be filled based on performance in tryouts. At the conclusion of the tryout sessions, the evaluators starting at the highest level select the teams based on the player tryout rating. Appointment to a team as a first year player at a particular level will not automatically entitle a player to a roster spot in subsequent years. The number of players trying out at any given level can also impact the placement of players on a team.

Tryout drills, and scrimmages are designed by the Player Development Committee to test individual skills, team play, and attitude. Evaluators will rate the players skating skills, including: individual hockey skills, which include puck handling, passing, receiving, shooting, team skills, both offensive and defensive, positional play, teamwork, game skills, awareness, physical play, attitude, speed and effort.

Goaltenders will be evaluated on their ability to make a save and keep the puck out of the net. Evaluation criteria include the following: agility, anticipation, reaction time, save technique, net coverage, rebound control, lateral movement, situational play, recovery and consistency.

Evaluators will use the following guidelines:

- Select teams compatible with River Lakes Stars Hockey philosophy.
- The Players performance in the individual timed skill drills will be used.
- All things being equal, a second year player will be given preference over a first year player.
- The Players preference for position (offense and/or defense) will be considered

Tryout Schedule information regarding time and rink for the appropriate sessions can be found on the association website <http://www.riverlakeshockey.com/>

- Arrive 30 minutes prior to your session to register. Skaters must be fully dressed and on the ice at the appointed time.
- Any player not wishing to participate in tryouts will placed on the team at the lowest level of his/her age group.
- All players will be issued a jersey with an assigned number to keep and maintain until the end of tryouts.
- All jerseys must be returned upon completion of tryouts.
- Tryout results will be released as soon as possible after the conclusion of tryouts.

Any player unable to participate in tryouts due to injury or illness will be evaluated at a later date by the Player Development Committee. Any player missing tryouts without first contacting the ACE coordinator will automatically be placed on the lowest level team.

The River Lakes Stars Player Development Committee and Association Board believe that in order to maintain the highest level of objectivity and to afford the players the best opportunity to perform, parents are not permitted in the Arena when their player is being evaluated. Evaluator player rankings will be kept confidential.

Contact the ACE coordinator **BEFORE** the first tryout session if you do not want your child to participate at the highest level or if you want siblings at the same level on the same team. Siblings will be placed on the team of the lowest ranked skater.