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## LGHA Competitive Tryout Policy

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### 1. Objectives

- 1.1. The Lindsay Lynx Girls' Hockey Association aims to provide a fair, equitable and unbiased competitive tryout process that is transparent to both players and parents.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Fees
  - 2.1.1. The tryout passport fee will be set annually by the LGHA executive.
  - 2.1.2. The LGHA tryout passport will be available to purchase through the RAMP registrations system only in advance of the tryout period.
  - 2.1.3. Tryout payment must be made in full prior to first Tier 1 tryout by e-transfer to [treasurer@lgha.net](mailto:treasurer@lgha.net).
- 2.2. Permission to Tryout (PTT)
  - 2.2.1. A signed Permission to Tryout form is required before the first tryout for players coming from another OWHA centre.
  - 2.2.2. Parents, players and coaches must be aware of the OWHA's tampering policy found at [owha.on.ca](http://owha.on.ca).

## 2.3. Player Movement

- 2.3.1. Requests for consideration of major age level players currently playing for a Tier 1 team (or equivalent) wishing to tryout for the next age group at the Tier 1 level must be made in writing to the LGHA President and the OWHA Representative at least one week prior to the first tryout session.
- 2.3.2. Only players receiving approval in writing from the LGHA will be permitted to attend Tier 1 tryouts in the next older age group.
- 2.3.3. If approved, the player must attend both the upper age group Tier 1 tryouts as well as the Tier 1 tryouts for their own age group.
  - 2.3.3.1. Players will be responsible for purchasing a tryout passport for both tryout sessions.
  - 2.3.3.2. If released by the upper age group Tier 1 team, the player **MUST** remain in their current age group for the remainder of the tryout period.
    - 2.3.3.2.1. The player will **NOT** be permitted to attend Tier 2 tryouts in the upper age group.

## 2.4. Tryout Exemptions

- 2.4.1. Any player requesting an exemption from Tier 1 tryouts in order to attend Tier 2 tryouts must have purchased a tryout passport and have made their request to the LGHA executive via the Tier 1 Exemption Request Form on the LGHA website at least 1 week before Tier 1 tryouts begin.
  - 2.4.1.1. Only players receiving approval through this process will be permitted to bypass Tier 1 tryouts.

## 3. Player Evaluation and Selection

- 3.1. Players will be assigned a scrimmage vest colour (blue or white) and number at the first tryout. The same colour and number will be used for the duration of the tryout period.
  - 3.1.1. A list of scrimmage vest colours and numbers will be provided to each independent evaluator without player names.
  - 3.1.2. Only the head coach is permitted to receive a list of player names.
- 3.2. Players must attend all evaluation sessions (tryouts/exhibition games) in order to be considered for a competitive team roster position.
- 3.3. Requests for consideration due to exceptional circumstances (injury, illness or other) that prevent a player from attending any competitive team tryouts must be made in writing to the head coach, OWHA Representative and the LGHA President outlining their reasons.
  - 3.3.1. This request must be made prior to the next tryout.

- 3.3.2. Any decision made in response to this request after consultation between the head coach, OWHA representative and the LGHA President will be communicated to all concerned parties in a timely manner.
- 3.4. Based on registration numbers and interest, where the LGHA anticipates entering 2 or more competitive teams in a particular age group, the Tier 1 team will play at the OWHA BB category level or higher.

#### **4. Tryout Director**

- 4.1. A Tryout Director will be assigned by the LGHA executive to each age group for the duration of the tryout session. This person, with no relationship/connection to the age group on the ice, will ensure that tryouts run smoothly according to this and other Lynx policies.
- 4.2. The Tryout Director will work with parents and other LGHA executive members to ensure change room areas are supervised.
- 4.3. The Tryout Director will be identified at each tryout session.
- 4.4. All questions or concerns from parents/guardians and players will be brought to the Tryout Director.

#### **5. Head Coach Responsibilities**

- 5.1. At the first tryout, the head coach will provide a letter to players that will include:
  - 5.1.1. Information about the coach.
  - 5.1.2. The coach's coaching philosophy.
  - 5.1.3. The number of tryouts including dates, locations and times.
  - 5.1.4. The coach's expectations of parents/guardians, and players at the competitive level.
  - 5.1.5. Other information that the coach feels is important.
- 5.2. The head coach will ensure that 2 or more on-ice personnel are enlisted to run the tryout.
- 5.3. The head coach will be assisted by 2 or more independent, off-ice evaluators.
- 5.4. The head coach may select one additional staff member to assist.
- 5.5. The head coach will submit the names and contact information of any assistant (if selected in 5.4), all on-ice personnel and all independent off-ice evaluators using the LGHA's [Tryout Personnel Plan](#) to the LGHA executive for approval prior to the first tryout.
  - 5.5.1. Approval of this plan by the LGHA Executive is required before tryouts commence.
- 5.6. Remaining bench staff will be chosen by the head coach after the roster has been finalised.

- 5.7. The head coach will submit a list of players who are invited back to the next tryout to the LGHA webmaster by using the correct form on the lgha.net website within 3 hours of each tryout.
- 5.8. The head coach must not engage in any discussions regarding the tryout process or a player's performance with parents/guardians at any time during the tryout process until the roster has been finalised.
- 5.9. All evaluation notes must be kept on hand until May 31.

## **6. On-Ice Personnel**

- 6.1. 2 or more On-ice personnel will be tasked with conducting the tryout drills.
  - 6.1.1. On-ice personnel must be 16 years of age or older.
  - 6.1.2. On-ice personnel must be at least 2 years older than the players attending the tryout
  - 6.1.3. On-ice personnel are not to be used as evaluators
- 6.2. A certified trainer must be identified on the list submitted in 5.4.
  - 6.2.1. This certified trainer may be on the ice, or on the bench in case of injury.
- 6.3. The LGHA may appoint on-ice personnel in the event that a head coach requests assistance or is unable to enlist the required assistance as required in this policy.

## **7. Independent Off-ice Evaluators**

- 7.1. 2 or more independent off-ice evaluators will assist the head coach with assessing player skills and making decisions about releases.
- 7.2. Off-ice evaluators must declare they have NO relationship to the players attending the tryout (ie. relative, friend, neighbour, prior coach, etc).
- 7.3. Off-ice evaluators must not engage in any discussions regarding the tryout process or a player's performance with parents/guardians at any time during the tryout process until the roster is finalised.
- 7.4. The LGHA may appoint (an) independent evaluator(s) in the event that a head coach requests assistance or is unable to find (a) suitable evaluator(s) that are (is) required in this policy.
- 7.5. An independent evaluator may be assigned to any tryout session at the discretion of the LGHA.
  - 7.5.1. This assigned evaluator will cooperate with the head coach and other evaluators in making discussions involving the release of players.
  - 7.5.2. Any disagreement that is left unresolved between the LGHA's assigned evaluator and the team's head coach/evaluators will be brought to the attention of the LGHA executive (see section 10).

## **8. Parent/Guardian Communication**

- 8.1. Communication during tryout sessions between parents/guardians and the head coach and independent off-ice evaluators is not permitted at any time.
- 8.2. Questions, comments, concerns or compliments will be directed to the Tryout Director present or another member of the LGHA Executive present at the tryout session.

## **9. Player Releases**

- 9.1. Players who are invited to continue with the tryout process will be notified via the LGHA website.
  - 9.1.1. Player releases may occur after each tryout session at the discretion of the head coach and independent evaluators.
  - 9.1.2. The LGHA will strive to post scrimmage vest colours and numbers of those players who are invited to continue the tryout process on the LGHA website within 3 hours of the end of each tryout.
  - 9.1.3. Players not identified on the website listing are deemed to have been released from the tryout process.
  - 9.1.4. Released players are encouraged to attend tryouts for an LGHA Tier 2 team if available.

## **10. Disputes**

- 10.1. Disputes arising from issues related to the tryout process will be presented in writing to the LGHA president and LGHA vice president within 24 hours of the issue arising.
- 10.2. The LGHA president and LGHA vice president will consult, involving important parties as decided by the LGHA president and vice president, to determine any required next steps.

## **11. Decisions and Appeals**

- 11.1. Decisions made under this policy will be communicated to all concerned parties in a timely manner.
- 11.2. Due to the extremely intricate timing of LGHA tryout sessions, appeals of any decisions made under this policy will not be entertained.

## **12. Items Not Covered**

- 12.1. Any scenarios, issues, and or situations arising during the tryout process that are not addressed in this policy will be dealt with by the LGHA executive on a case by case basis as required.