

U11B Tryouts – 2024/25 Season



Welcome to the U11B Rep tryouts for the 2024/2025 season. Below are some additional details regarding the tryout process and program for the upcoming season. I am very excited to be coaching this group and looking forward to the opportunity to see them through the next stage of their hockey development.

My coaching approach will be focused on:

1. Player development
2. Team play
3. Allowing the players to make mistakes, but learn from them
4. Build confidence
5. Having fun
6. ... and of course winning some hockey games

Player Selection and Criteria

The objective over the tryout period is to select the strongest 15 players and 2 goaltenders for the team. In selecting the team, the following criteria are considered:

- *Attitude*
- *Skill*
- *Intensity*
- *Resilience*
- *Development potential*
- *Hockey sense*
- *Coachability*

While final decisions are made by the Head Coach, player evaluations are based on:

1. *Input from other U11 coaches and selection committee*
2. *Previous evaluations from games/practices/other tryouts skates/b&w games*
3. *Tryout performance*
4. *Feedback from previous coaches*

Time Commitment:

- Each player is expected to prioritize hockey as their top activity during the hockey season and attend '**all**' team functions. You can anticipate 4-5 activities per week. These may include:
 - 2 practices
 - 1 additional development skate per week (especially during the early part of the season)
 - 2 games (1 away)
 - Occasional Team function (i.e. team bonding activities)
- Players are expected to be at games 1 hour prior to game start and 30 minutes prior for practices
- The hockey season runs from early September to mid-April
- We would like for families to be able to enjoy a break at Christmas. So, we will not schedule any formal team activities during the Christmas break.
- The season concludes with the provincial championships in April **which may require players to be available during March Break** for practices and games.
- It is the team's intention to participate in 4 tournaments (excluding provincials) over the course of the year. 2 of which will be out of town

Financial Commitment:

- The final team budget is yet to be finalized. It is expected that the cost will be between \$3000-\$3500 per player.
- Our team will participate in fund raising and sponsorship activities which may help offset the financial commitment per player.
- The team budget will be discussed at the parent meeting tentatively scheduled for May 3rd.

Family Commitment:

- There is a lot that goes into ensuring the girls have a wonderful experience. As such volunteers will likely be required to support team management, player development and team functions.
- **It is expected that each family volunteer to help manage the team. The level of experience the girls will gain out of the season is directly correlated to the help, participation, and commitment level of all families.**

Rep Apparel and Game Jerseys:

- All Oakville Hornet Rep players will be required to wear a consistent uniform to all games (regular season, exhibition, tournament, playoffs, play-downs). The uniform will consist of jacket, warmup outfit and tracksuit.
- On-ice equipment requirements will also be required: Hornet pants, black helmets, bags, etc.
- Fittings will take place at Corbett's Source for Sports and will need to be completed in a timely manner in May 2024. Payments for these items will be made at the time of purchase by each family. More details to come.

While the tryout experience is a fantastic learning opportunity, we understand this can be an anxious and uncomfortable experience for all – players, parents, and coaches. We respectfully ask that you refrain from calling or emailing coaches during the tryout period. We are happy to discuss any questions you have about the tryout or the evaluation process afterwards. In the meantime, if there are any questions or issues, please direct them to the Hornet's office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during the tryout period,

Rob Franchini
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