



U15 BB Tryouts - 2024/25 Season

Player Selection and Criteria

- The objective over the tryout period is to select the strongest 15 players and 2 goaltenders for the teams. In selecting the teams, we will be considering several criteria including but not limited to: **skill, intensity, resilience, development potential, leadership, hockey sense and coachability** demonstrated during the tryouts and over the past several months. In addition to attending practices and games played (regular season, black and white games, etc.), we have had the chance to observe many players over the past weeks and months.
- The tryout process is the **final step** in selecting the teams. While the Head Coaches have the final say, contributing factors to player selection include:
 - *the rep coaching selection committee input*
 - *feedback received from the 2023/24 U13 and U15 Rep coaches*
 - *player observations at various games and/or practices over the last several weeks*
 - *tryout performance*

Time Commitment

- Each player is expected to **prioritize Hockey as their top sport during the hockey season**. Players are expected to attend all functions. You can anticipate 4-5 activities per week including one away game
- The U15 BB Teams will enter 4 - 5 tournaments; 2 or 3 of which will likely be out of town
- It is a goal of the teams to compete at both league and the Provincial championship weekends. As such **the expectation is for players to be available during March Break for practices and games**
- Christmas - It is the coaches intention for families to be able to enjoy a break at Christmas

Financial Commitment

- The final team budgets are yet to be finalized and are expected to be approximately \$50,000. Your family commitment will be approximately \$3,000 which will depend on fundraising and sponsorship activities

Family Commitment

- As with any team sport, we will need parent volunteers to help with team management and team functions to ensure a positive experience for your daughters; this will be discussed at the first parent meeting
- It will be your daughter's responsibility to ensure that hockey does not negatively impact her schoolwork
- To be clear, our philosophy is **SCHOOL COMES FIRST** - a player or family should **NEVER** feel they are letting the team down if they need to miss an event to focus on schoolwork with adequate notice

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). The uniform will consist of: Oakville Hornets jacket, Hornets warm-up pants, warmup shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve), Hornets crewneck or hoodie, Jersey (Black & White), and Bauer Hockey pants.
- Fittings will take place at Corbett's and apparel will be able to be ordered online via a link provided by the Team Manager. Payment for these items will be made at time of purchase by each family.

Recognizing that this is can be an anxious experience for all — players, parents and coaches, we respectfully request that you refrain from calling or emailing during the tryout period as we need to be as objective as possible. We would be pleased to discuss anything about the tryout or the evaluation process after this period. In the meantime, if there are any issues please direct them to the Hornets office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and best of luck during the tryouts!

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