

U9A Tryouts – 2024/25 Season



Welcome to the U9A Rep Tryouts! Please see below for some useful information!

Player Selection Criteria:

- The objective over the tryout period is to select 15 players and 2 goalies. The selection process will include several criteria but not limited to:
 - Attitude, Compete Factor, Hockey Sense, Skill, Player Development Potential and, Coachability.

Time Commitment:

- Each player should prioritize hockey as their top sport during the hockey season & attend team functions.
- The hockey season runs from early September to mid-April, with approximately 4 scheduled activities per week.
- 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 over the course of the year. Two tournaments are already scheduled. One, being here in Oakville in late February 2025. The second being Provincials, which take place in April 2025.
- The team intends to have a break over Christmas/New Years.
- School should always come 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.

Financial Commitment:

- The final team budget is yet to be finalized but is expected to be approximately \$45,000-\$50,000.
- Your family commitment will be approximately \$3000 per player.
- Our team will participate in fund raising and sponsorship activities.
- The team budget will be discussed at the start of season meeting.

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 will volunteer to fill one volunteer spot. Details will be discussed at the start of the season meeting.

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 in early May 2024. Payments for these items will be made at the time of purchase by each family.

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,

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