



## 10. Tryouts

### 1. Definitions

- a. DWMHA – Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association.
- b. TD – Technical Director, paid employee of DWMHA.
- c. Director of Competitive - Board member of DWMHA responsible for all competitive teams.
- d. Evaluator – Volunteer who evaluates player during tryout process. Evaluator to be of non-conflict meaning no family member is trying out in the level they evaluate.
- e. HNS Policy – Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations that governs all Minor in Nova Scotia.
- f. Player – Registered participant in good standing with DWMHA
- g. Bench Staff – Non-conflict volunteer with Coaching certifications who will open the door and ensure player safety on the ice. Bench staff will not 'Coach' players during games.
- h. Tryout Coordinator – Non-conflict volunteer who supports the process.
- i. Quality Control Coordinator – Non-conflict volunteer who checks all data gathered.

### 2. Roles

- a. Division Coordinators
  - i. Ensures all players are recorded and distribute assigned jersey,
  - ii. Ensures all DWMHA policies are followed,
  - iii. Verifies all jerseys worn by players are recorded by Evaluators correctly,
  - iv. Confirms all volunteers are deemed non-conflict
- b. Evaluators
  - i. Uses hockey experience to rank players based on observations using format provided by TD,
  - ii. Participates in the complete process for a division to ensure consistency,
  - iii. Participates in post session discussions and reviews data for accuracy
- c. TD
  - i. Organizes tryout process to accommodate number of players as per the Registrar,
  - ii. Recruits Evaluators and confirms they are non-conflict
  - iii. Ensures overall consistency between all sessions within a division
- d. Director of Competitive
  - i. Represents the DWMHA during the process and confirms all policies are followed throughout,
  - ii. Ensures all Division Coordinators are in place
  - iii. Ensures Tryout Coordinator is in place
  - iv. Confirms all Bench Staff and other volunteers are in place, confirmed to be non-conflict.
  - v. Ensures decorum during evaluation process
- e. Tryout Coordinator
  - i. Ensures Evaluators have adequate technology for the process
  - ii. Ensures all data from Evaluators is uploaded correctly
  - iii. Ensures all results from tryout sessions is released in timely manner
  - iv. Consistently monitors [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org) email and actions items in the inbox
- f. Quality Control Coordinator



- i. Verifies all player jersey numbers match data in evaluation software
    - ii. Verifies all data is uploaded correctly and assigned to correct player
  - g. Parents
    - i. Ensure player is at each session on time
    - ii. Notifies [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org) if a player will be absent from a session
    - iii. Ensures 24 hr. policy and before expressing any concerns to [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org)
3. Process
  - a. The first session will be position specific followed by mixed sessions based on total amount of players within a division. Some Divisions will have more scrimmages than others depending on the age level.
  - b. Evaluators will score the player on a scale of 1-5 with all scores tabulated with follow up discussion amongst Evaluators after each session.
  - c. The overall process may change slightly, please review DWMHA website for updates.
4. Formation of Teams
  - a. Refer to HNS Policy
5. Out of Area Player
  - a. If an out of area player wishes to tryout for DWMHA, they must first register with their home association. They must have approval by Hockey NS Regional Director, and can only apply if the level is not offered in their home association.
  - b. The DWMHA will only place an approved out of area player on a team provided they are ranked as top goaltender, top 3 forward, or top 2 defence. The player must participate in the entire tryout process to determine proper ranking.
  - c. See HNS policy for further details.
6. Player Absence due Medical Reasons
  - a. Form 10.1 below must be sent to [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org) with accompanying note from Medical Professional at Registration Deadline.
  - b. Form 10.1 below must be sent to [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org) with accompanying note from Medical Professional immediately if player is injured during the tryout process.
  - c. If an approved absent player returns to the process, a clearance letter from a Medical Professional must be sent immediately to [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org)
  - d. If a player is not able to participate in the process, the Director of Competitive will use Form 10.1 to place the player for the season.
7. Appeals
  - a. A player may only appeal their placement based on the tryout process not being followed. Parents would need to submit request to [tryouts@whalers.org](mailto:tryouts@whalers.org).
  - b. Requests will be review by VP to determine if the situation warrants an appeal.
  - c. If an appeal is granted, a team consisting of DWMHA VP, and two other non-conflicts individuals will be formed to review the data.
  - d. Any decision from this process would be final.