



Fort Wayne Youth Hockey Travel Hockey Tryout Guidelines 2009-2010

Welcome to another year of hockey! FWYH Travel Tryouts are scheduled for April 26 and May 17 at McMillen Ice Arena. Included with this mailing you'll find the Travel Registration Form. Please be sure to preregister by sending in your Registration Form by April 17 and save \$10 on the tryout fee.

If have any questions regarding tryouts, please contact Travel Director, Rusty Richardson at 413-6336. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wagner
FWYH President

2009 TRYOUT SCHEDULE

	Team	Birth Year	Head Coach	Tryout Dates
	Midget U18 or U16	91/92 93/94	TBD	TBD * Midget tryout dependent on interest level and number of registrations received. If interested send in registration form only.
	Bantam AA	95/96	Colin Chin	Sun 4/26 7:00 - 8:00am Sun 4/26 10:45 - 11:45am
	PeeWee AA	97/98	Rick Wynn	Sun 4/26 8:15 - 9:15am Sun 4/26 12:00 - 1:00pm
	Squirt AA	99/00	Ian Boyce	Sun 4/26 9:30 - 10:30am Sun 4/26 1:15 - 2:15pm
	Bantam A	96	Mike Olinger - A1 Team Phil Kuyvenhoven - A2 Team	Sun 5/17 7:00 - 8:00am Sun 5/17 10:45 - 11:45am
	PeeWee A	98	Derek Ray	Sun 5/17 8:15 - 9:15am Sun 5/17 12:00 - 1:00pm
	Squirt A	00	Roy Davis	Sun 5/17 9:30 - 10:30am Sun 5/17 1:15 - 2:15pm

The tryout fee will be \$50 for those who preregister, \$60 for those who register day of the tryout. The fee covers all tryouts even if multiple tryouts are attended. Checks should be payable to FWYH.

FWYH requires each participant to register online at: www.usahockeyregistration.com prior to attending tryouts. If you registered with USA Hockey this past year, your 2008-09 USA Hockey registration will cover your tryout and you do not need to reregister. This means anyone who played on a FWYH, Turners or Fort Wayne Parks & Rec team last year has already fulfilled the USA Hockey registration requirement for tryouts. After team formation your team manager will provide instructions on registering with USA Hockey for the upcoming 2009-10 season.

To register for tryouts, please send the Travel Registration Form in along with your payment.

In addition to the above, parents must provide the following completed documents at tryouts:
Code of Conduct Consent to Treat Copy of participant's birth certificate

All forms and the complete FWYH Travel Hockey Regulations and Procedures are available online at www.fwyh.org

TEAM FORMATION

It is the intent of the Association to annually organize both an A and AA travel team at the Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget levels. In the event that it is determined by the consensus of the evaluators and the Head Coaches that there are not a sufficient number of qualified participants to field an A and AA team in any age division, the Travel Director and the Coaching Committee may form a team or teams appropriate to the talent level present at the tryout. This team or teams will either be an A or AA team depending on the mix of 1st and 2nd year participants. FWYH's actual birth years are not evenly distributed. Some birth years are large and some are not. Depending on whether a large or small birth year is a 1st or 2nd year in its USA Hockey category, will be one of the determining factors whether the team or teams are A or AA. Conversely, if we have a large number of participants tryout, the formation of a third team may be considered. Factors to be considered will include the talent level present at the tryout, the availability of ice and the availability of qualified coaches. The final approvals of the teams are to be made by the Board of Directors.

PARTICIPANT ELEGIBILITY

Participants must be registered by FWYH and USA Hockey to be eligible. In addition, any outstanding financial obligations to FWYH or to any other USA Hockey Association must be fully satisfied in order for that participant to take part in tryouts or to be selected.

Participants registered within the FWYH Initiation Program at the conclusion of the prior season are not eligible for travel tryouts. A special request may be made in writing, received 7 days in advance to the Travel Director, as to why the parent feels their child is qualified and may request a special assessment be made prior to the tryout. The on-ice assessment will be evaluated by the Travel Director and Coaching Director. All ice expenses will be the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian(s).

Although strongly discouraged by FWYH and by USA Hockey, participants may tryout for teams that are one age division above their actual playing age if they meet certain requirements; a 2nd year Mite may tryout for the Squirt team, a 2nd year Squirt may tryout for a PeeWee team, a 2nd year PeeWee may tryout for a Bantam team, and a 2nd year Bantam may tryout for the Midget team. **Participants wishing to move up an age division must follow the procedures outlined in the FWYH Participant Play-Up Policy.**

PARTICIPANT SELECTION

Participants should attend both scheduled sessions to be eligible for selection, unless specific prior acceptable arrangements have been made through the Travel Director, on a reasonable exception basis. Exceptions to this rule for specific excused absences should be granted on only a very limited basis. Request for exceptions must be made in writing prior to the tryout session. Any unexpected emergencies that would prevent a participant from attending a tryout must be communicated to the Travel Director as soon as possible. A participant, who does not attend tryouts or receive approval to miss tryouts for a given team, will not be rostered by that team at any time during the season without prior approval of the FWYH Board of Directors.

Participants electing to tryout for a travel team are obligated to play for that team if selected. Any participant deciding not to honor this obligation can still play in the House Division including Select Teams as long as any financial obligation to the team has been met. 1st year participants who wish to be considered for the AA team in their age division may tryout for the AA team. 2nd year participants must tryout for the AA team at their level. If a 1st or 2nd year participant is cut by the AA team, the participant may then choose to tryout for the A team. Once a participant is selected, the parents or guardian of each participant must make a financial commitment, to be determined by the Travel Director, within 7 days after tryouts.

Participants are to be selected for each team within an hour after the final session. The selection process shall involve the Head Coach, the Coaching Director, and the evaluators assisting in the tryout evaluation process. Although the Head Coach has the final decision making authority, every attempt is to be made to utilize all input and to reach selection decisions on a consensus basis.

Factors considered in the selection process will include physical skating and hockey skill levels, attitude, motivation and effort levels, teamwork concepts, overall mental awareness of position play, past performance and experience results, and input from prior coaches, as applicable.

Upon completion of the team tryout, a list of the selected participants is to be posted at the ice rink within an hour after the final tryout session. All selected participants shall sign a Player and Parent Agreement at this time.

