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AHAI Girls' Tryout Outline 2008-2009 ONLY

EARLY TRYOUT OPTION

1. Any approved AHAI affiliate organization fielding girls' teams will be eligible to hold tryouts for the 2008-2009 season beginning May 15 and ending May 31.
2. Any team from an approved AHAI affiliate organization wishing to try out in this window of time must submit in writing their intent to do so no later than May 1. Letters of intent will be emailed to the Girls Co-Chair, Sjoukje Brown McCudden, at: referette@sbcglobal.net. Confirmation of receipt will be sent within 24 hours.
3. All approved AHAI affiliate organization teams requesting to try out in this window of time must participate in a tryout scheduling meeting, which will take place between May 1 and May 8, in which tryout times and dates will be scheduled in a grid so as to avoid conflict. Dates and times will be posted immediately following the scheduling meeting.
4. This tryout window will apply to the following age groups: 12U, 14U, 16U, and 19U. Age groups younger than 12U are not eligible for early tryouts.
5. Each team shall furnish each player and her parents(s), in writing, before any tryout and prior to signing a roster, a Fact Sheet, providing full disclosure about the team indicating all costs, number of games and practices, amount of travel, any "rules" of the team and approved affiliate organization, and the actual costs of playing for the team.
6. Signed rosters must be delivered to Laura Johnson, AHAI Registrar, no later than June 2, and will be binding to those players for the 2008-2009 hockey season. These rosters will commit all signed players to play for that team that season. Players may not "opt out" once a roster has been signed. Any player who signs a qualified team roster is committed to that organization and team for the ensuing playing season and cannot play for another team except for high school or youth tier II.
7. A team will be qualified by a minimum of 12 players. Any organization not fielding 12 players on a team by June 2, (as evidenced by 12 players' signatures on a roster), will not be allowed to field a team at that age level for the coming season. That team will be disbanded and those players' names may be submitted to the AHAI Girls' Clearinghouse for distribution amongst other organizations.
8. Players may be allowed to "skate up" one age level.
9. Player additions to a qualified team roster (*supplemental roster*) may take place from June 2-June 16. The rosters will be frozen from June 16-September 15. Thereafter teams may add players to their early tryout roster. A player may not be cut from a team after signing a roster without AHAI approval.



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10. No player shall be required to pay monies in excess of actual icetime cost or participate in mandatory team activities prior to August 15th of the ensuing playing season. The season shall commence on August 15th of each year, and end on the last day of the National Tournament unless sooner eliminated from competition.
11. Teams resulting from the early tryouts must participate in the state tournament at the “AA” level of play, and will be responsible for continuing on to District and/or National competitions should they win the state tournament. These teams will commit to the state tournament by November 15 with a \$500 non-refundable deposit.
12. Players who are cut from the tryouts or any of these organizations may choose to have their names submitted to the AHAI Girls Clearinghouse for release to other clubs who may need players. This is an optional program for players, and names are submitted to organizations upon request only.

LATER TRYOUT OPTION

- ⊙ Any team from an approved AHAI affiliate organization not participating in the early tryout window may begin tryouts on August 15.
- ⊙ These teams, if choosing to do so, will commit to the state tournament by November 15 with a \$500 non-refundable deposit.
- ⊙ Players who are cut at tryouts or from any of these organizations may choose to have their names submitted to the AHAI Girls Clearinghouse, for release to other clubs who may need players.



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