

Hello Atom Travel Parents,

Another hockey season is fast approaching, which means evaluations are just around the corner. In the next few days you will receive an email with your athlete's Time Trial Session # 1 Grouping. If you do not receive this email please contact your Atom Travel Coordinator – Neil McDermid – atomtravel@airdriehockey.ca as soon as possible.

We are currently sitting at roughly 111 Players and 18 goalies trying out for Atom Travel teams. AMHA will have 5 teams in the Atom Travel Group for the 2017-2018 Season.

As friendly reminder parents are not permitted to be in the dressing rooms 20 minutes before your child's ice times during evaluations. To ensure that evaluations run smoothly, we encourage you to have your child at the rink 45 minutes before their scheduled ice times. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate a player who is late for a session and may be treated as an absent player for the evaluation process.

HELMET STICKERS

Your son/daughter will receive two (2) yellow helmet stickers for both sides of their helmets. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THESE STICKERS UNTIL AFTER ALL EVALUATIONS ARE COMPLETE.** We cannot issue you a new helmet sticker.

EVALUATION JERSEY'S

Please have your son/daughter bring both a WHITE and BLACK jersey to each evaluation session. These jersey's need to be worn inside out (unless they are blank a black jersey). Wearing the jersey inside out helps with the evaluation process.

AMHA Evaluation Policy

AMHA is committed to providing players an opportunity to grow as individuals and gain self-esteem through a positive hockey experience that emphasizes fun, participation, development, safety, and respect. AMHA will strive to accomplish these goals in a consistent, transparent and collaborative environment that encourages the participation of both coaches and parents.

AMHA Evaluation Guidelines

AMHA Evaluation Guidelines are guidelines for the evaluation of players and goalies registered with AMHA. The guidelines are set to provide guidance and direction to the evaluation process. During the evaluation process, decisions may need to be made by the Evaluation Committee that are not specifically part of the AMHA Evaluation Guidelines. These decisions will be made in accordance with the AMHA Evaluation Policy. The AMHA Evaluation Guidelines set out below are to be applied in accordance with the AMHA Evaluation Policy.

AMHA Evaluations Manual can be found [here](#)

GROUPINGS

Initial groupings will be made via alphabetical order for Atom. Players are then placed for Session # 2 based on their overall scores from our Time Trial (Session #1).

TRYOUT SESSIONS (ATOM TRAVEL)

Sat.	Sept. 16	7:45-8:30 am	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 1	Tryout
Sat.	Sept. 16	8:30-9:15 am	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 2	Tryout
Sat.	Sept. 16	9:30-10:15 am	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 3	Tryout
Sat.	Sept. 16	10:15-11:00 am	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 4	Tryout
Sat.	Sept. 16	11:15-12:00 pm	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 5	Tryout
Sun.	Sept. 17	8:30-10:00 am	Rocky	Atom Travel Skate 6	Tryout
Sun.	Sept. 17	10:15-11:45 am	Rocky	Atom Travel Skate 7	Tryout
Sun.	Sept. 17	12:00-1:30 pm	Rocky	Atom Travel Skate 8	Tryout
Tues.	Sept. 19	5:00-6:00 pm	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 9	Tryout
Tues.	Sept. 19	6:15-7:15 pm	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 10	Tryout
Tues.	Sept. 19	7:30-8:30 pm	RE Gold	Atom Travel Skate 11	Tryout
Wed.	Sept. 20	5:00-6:00 pm	RE Blue	Atom Travel Skate 12	Tryout
Wed.	Sept. 20	6:15-7:15 pm	RE Blue	Atom Travel Skate 13	Tryout
Wed.	Sept. 20	7:30-8:30 pm	RE Blue	Atom Travel Skate 14	Tryout

Please be reminded these are not your child's exact times. An additional email will be sent to you each session for the exact date and time of your child's evaluation session.

During the evaluation 'games' Atom players will have roughly a 1 min and 30 second shift. Each shift will end on the horn/buzzer. Each shift will then start with a face-off.

Please [click here](#) to watch an example of skills testing, please watched the videos linked.

Skills Evaluated during Atom sessions are, but are not limited to...

Time Trial Session #1 - Forward/Backward skating, puck control, agility, transitions

Session #2 - Skating, passing, shooting and puck control

Session #3 - Skating with puck, passing, positioning and competitiveness

Session #4 - Work ethic, puck possession, skating and passing

Volunteer (Sign-Up Genius)

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for volunteering over the next few weeks. If you have yet to sign up to Volunteer during the Evaluations Process, please [click here](#) to link to the AMHA Evaluations Volunteering page where you can sign up for any age groups volunteer shifts. Each family is responsible to volunteer for 10 hrs with AMHA, **if you do not volunteer this amount your volunteer bond will be cashed.** Please be sure to read over the roles and responsibilities for each shift prior to registering.

AMHA would like to see coaches as evaluators. AMHA would also like to stress that it is ideal to have evaluators who do not have players in that specific division. Coaching applicants for the upcoming season who have volunteered for all evaluations in different divisions from their own son/daughter will be given precedence when selecting coaches for the upcoming season.

