

## **Hello Novice 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 Session # 1 Grouping. If you do not receive this email please contact your Novice Travel Coordinator – Jody McEwan – [novicetravel@airdriehockey.ca](mailto:novicetravel@airdriehockey.ca) as soon as possible.

We are currently sitting at roughly 70 Players, which will give us 3 teams in the Novice 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.

### **2017-2018 GOALIE ROTATION**

For the upcoming season all players will have the opportunity to play goalie. This means that no one player will be designated as a goalie. Each player will have the chance to rotate through the position throughout the season.

### **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.

### **PHYSICAL LITERACY TESTING**

This year AMHA is setting the bar amongst Canadian hockey communities by being the first association to implement Physical Literacy testing (fitness testing) into our evaluation process. This season, however, will be a test project for Hockey Canada to see if the data we collect correlates with high performance athletes later on in their young hockey careers. The fitness testing will take place Genesis Place on Saturday Sept 23rd, 2017 (Times are TBD).

AMHA and Genesis Place fitness staff will be conducting age appropriate fitness testing that includes: agility run, object manipulation, locomotor movements and body weight exercises. This testing is mandatory for all novice aged players.

*This season AMHA will not be using the data collected as part of our evaluation process, meaning no scores will be counted towards your athletes' overall placement. This year we are strictly collecting data for further use of the information at a later date.*

## **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.

### **GROUPINGS**

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

### **TRYOUT SESSIONS (NOVICE TRAVEL)**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>7:30-8:30 am</b>	<b>Rocky</b>	<b>Skate 1</b>	<b>Time Trial</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>8:45-9:45 am</b>	<b>Rocky</b>	<b>Skate 2</b>	<b>Time Trial</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>1:45-2:45 pm</b>	<b>Rocky</b>	<b>Skate 3</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>3:00-4:00 pm</b>	<b>Rocky</b>	<b>Skate 4</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>4:30-5:30 pm</b>	<b>RE Gold</b>	<b>Skate 5</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>5:45-6:45 pm</b>	<b>RE Gold</b>	<b>Skate 6</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>4:45-5:45 pm</b>	<b>RE Blue</b>	<b>Skate 7</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>6:00-7:00 pm</b>	<b>RE Blue</b>	<b>Skate 8</b>	<b>Tryout</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Genesis Place</b>	<b>Fitness Evaluation</b>	<b>Fitness</b>

During the evaluation 'games' Novice 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 Novice sessions are, but are not limited to...***

Session #1 - Skating (forward, backward), transition and agility (edges and pivots)

Session #2 - Shooting, passing, skating, puck handling and puck control

Session #3 - Skating, passing, shooting and hockey sense

Session #4 - Skating, puck handling, agility (stopping and edges) and game play

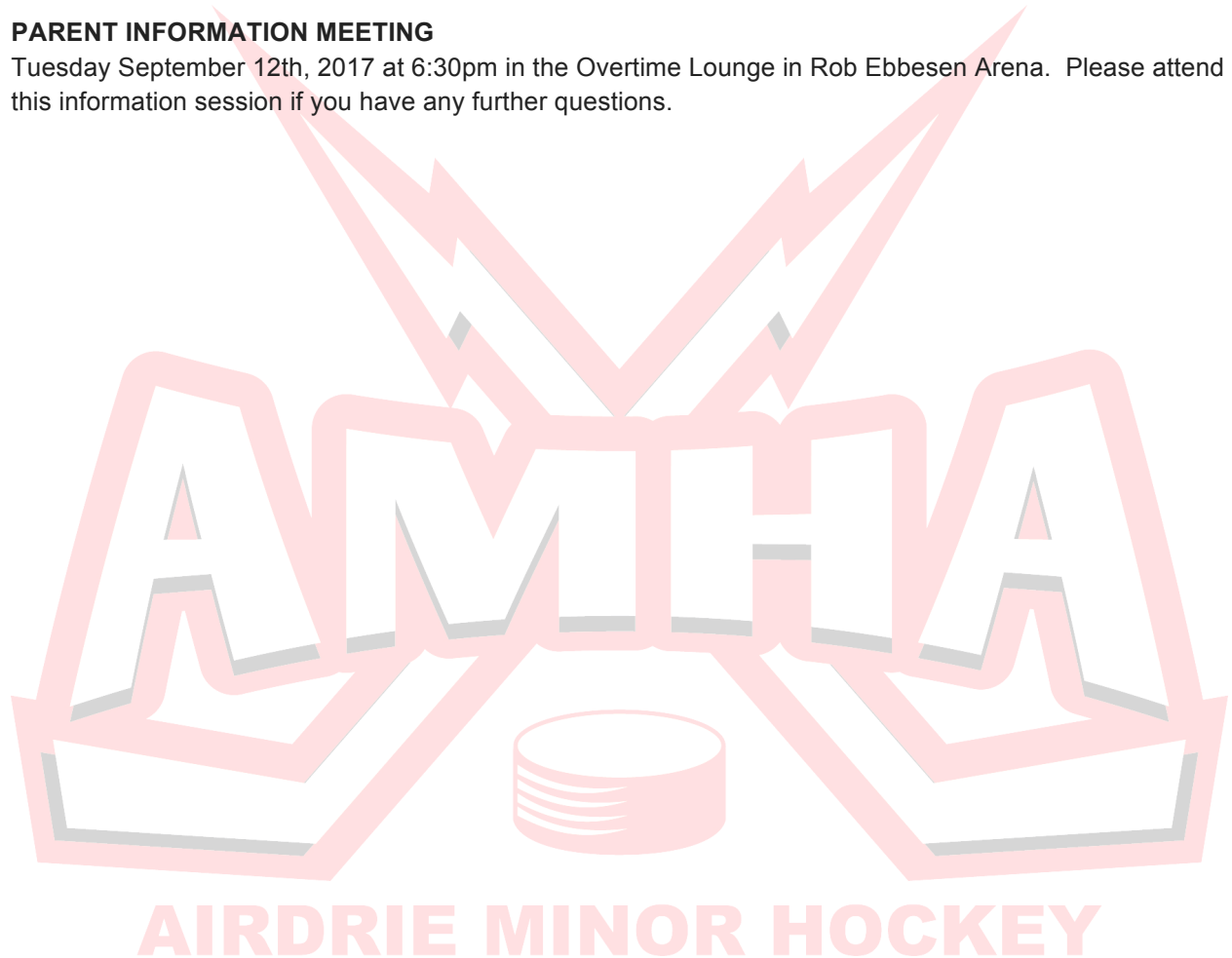
### **Volunteer (Sign-Up Genius)**

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.***

#### **PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

Tuesday September 12th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Overtime Lounge in Rob Ebbesen Arena. Please attend this information session if you have any further questions.



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