



December 1, 2017

To All Players Registered for the Arctic Winter Games Hockey Tryouts,

Welcome to the excitement that comes with trying out for Team NWT and the opportunity to participate in the Arctic Winter Games happening in the NWT's South Slave region next March.

HNWT has been working diligently with many dedicated volunteers across the Territory in planning the tryouts happening next weekend in Fort Smith (Females), Yellowknife (Midgets), and Inuvik (Bantams). And we're excited and pleased to be having the trials happening in the North, South, and central Yellowknife. Please don't forget to thank those volunteers along the way.

Please watch your emails for the chartered flight scheduled soon to be released by Sport North. We do know that flights to trials will be on Thursday, Dec 7 with return flights happening on Saturday, Dec 9.

Please find three documents attached.

The first is the **draft schedule** of events at your tryouts. We think we have this one nailed down, but may have to adjust for late flights etc. We'll quickly advise you of any changes. Watch for teams list to follow.

The second attached document is the **HNWT AWG Player Selection Policy**. Please acquaint yourself of its contents. Wondering who is eligible to tryout? See Section 3. Wondering about the team selection process? See Section 4. Wondering about who is eligible to be on the Selection Committee? See Section 5. Wondering about conflicts of interest in the selection process including parents that are coaches? That's covered in Section 5 too.

The third attachment is the **HNWT Player Evaluation Handbook** (updated in 2014). Please acquaint yourself of the contents of this document too. It's a good read—it describes Team NWT and outlines the principles that guide us.

The Player Handbook also goes into more detail than the Selection Policy in describing the selection process on page 3. Reading this section of the Handbook you'll see that it's not all about skill—we're looking for players that have the right characteristics as well. **Pewee players** trying out for the Bantam Team should pay special attention to this section, as underaged players, it describes what it takes for you to be consider for a position on the team.



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All players please take note that at these trials we are using the **Five-Point Player Evaluation Method** detailed on page 8-10 of the Handbook. While we welcome all players to the trials for the development opportunity, there is a **minimum performance standard** that all players must be at if they are to be considered for a position on the team. Carefully read the Five-Point Method to help you understand if you meet that minimum performance standard. For players that do meet that standard, you should expect to be competing against other players similarly skilled, so **bring your best, compete from start to finish, and leave it all on the ice—and remember, it's not just about skill.**

All candidates at the tryouts will be advised in group settings whether they made the team or not at the conclusion of the tryouts on Saturday, December, 9th.

Save the dates! To those that are selected to the teams, here is what we have in the way of future commitments so far (details will come from the teams):

Bantam Team:

Practice Weekend, Dec 28-30 in Yellowknife

Prince George Tournament, January 13 weekend.

All Teams:

There is a Pre-departure Camp in Yellowknife beginning Tuesday, March 13 with travel to the Games happening on March 17. The Games run from March 18 to 24.

Good luck to all of you at the trials!

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