

## Competitive Tryout Athlete Participation Policy

The association expects that each athlete makes every reasonable effort to attend all tryout sessions however there may be circumstances where a player is not able to participate in all sessions. Absences can be separated in 2 categories, short term and long term.

### **Short Term Absence (min 2 sessions completed):**

#### *Injury:*

Absence due to injury occurs when a player is unable to either attend or complete a session(s) due to injury or illness. In these cases, the athlete is not required to provide a medical certificate. The athlete's score for the session will be pro-rated for any missed session. In some cases, players may attempt to participate in a session but not be able to physically complete the session. If they do not complete the session, the association will determine, on a case by case basis if the athlete's score will be counted for the session if they are unable to complete the session. For example, a player who leaves after 15 mins due to injury will not be counted however a player who completes 45 mins of a session will likely see their score count.

#### *Other:*

Player's may also be absent from a session(s) for a variety of reasons ranging from school trips to work. In these cases, the athlete will see their score pro-rated.

It is important to note that any player that does not advise the association of an absence may not have their score pro-rated & any GCRA member that does not attend a GCRA tryout session because they are attending another association's tryout, will not see their score pro-rated.

### **Long Term Absence (unable to complete min. of 2 sessions):**

#### *Injury:*

Any player that is unable to complete a minimum of 2 sessions due to injury or illness must be able to provide the association with a medical certificate supporting their absence. Medical certificates must be sent to the VP Administration. Upon receipt of the medical certificate, the association will determine the best option to proceed and each situation will be evaluated individually. While the association wants to provide each player with an opportunity to compete at every level of play, we also want to be able to finalize our rosters for a multitude of reasons. These include the ripple effect to lower level teams, player releases to other associations and viability of holding additional sessions.

The association will review the player's past history and engage the head coach in determining how best to proceed. The association may, through a review of player history and the head coach input, determine that the athlete is suitable for the level of play, name the player directly to the roster, as a coach's pick. The association may also decide to provide the player with another opportunity at a later date. In these cases, the athlete will be provided 2 hours of on ice evaluation and no warm-up skate. The final option is, if the player is deemed, based on past performance and coach input, to not be of calibre, the player may be released from the team.

#### *Other:*

Any player that is unable to complete a minimum of 2 sessions due to absence but not related to injury or illness must advise the association of their absence and each case will be evaluated individually. While the association wants to provide each player with an opportunity to compete at every level of play, we also want to be able to finalize our rosters for a multitude of reasons. These include the ripple effect to lower level teams, player releases to other associations and viability of holding additional sessions.

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**Pro Rating of Scores:**

In cases where an athlete is unable to attend a session as prescribed above, their score may be pro-rated based on previous scores only. Future scores will use the appropriate weighted score for that particular session only. For example, a player that attends session 1 and 3 will see their score after hour 2 pro-rated based on their hour 1 score only (ex. session 1 (7.5/10 x 3 to equal the 30% of the score assigned to hours 1 and 2 for a pro-rated score of 22.5). Their score in hour 3 will be out of 30 based solely on their hour 3 score.