

Sudbury Lady Wolves

Spring Tryouts - 2026/2027 Season

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1.0 Sudbury Lady Wolves Spring Tryouts

Welcome to the 2026-27 season! The Sudbury Lady Wolves Spring Tryouts Information Package outlines the tryout process for all divisions and provides comprehensive details on registration, schedules, fees, and evaluation procedures.

This package covers all divisions: U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, and U22.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has approved spring tryouts for all age groups, making this an important opportunity for players to showcase their skills and be selected for their respective competitive teams.

For 2026-27, the Sudbury Girls Hockey Association (SDGHA) is piloting a Streamlined Evaluation Model for U13, U15, and U18 competitive divisions. U11, U9, and U22 continue to follow a traditional tryout format. This pilot model introduces a three-phase evaluation process designed to provide a more efficient and comprehensive assessment of player abilities.

1.1 Fall Tryouts

Fall tryouts may be held if additional teams are created per SDGHA policy, or if it is necessary to complete tryouts due to insufficient registrations during the spring season.

1.2 Season Overview

Tryouts: April/May 2026 (detailed schedule by divisions and teams listed in Section 5.0)

Off-Season: May to August 2026 – Optional off-ice activities such as meet-and-greet events may be organized by teams.

Pre-Season: U18-AA, U18-A, U15-AA, and U13-AA teams may begin optional on-ice training after May. All other teams begin on-ice training following Labour Day.

League Play: The OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League) typically runs from October 2026 to March 2027. The exact format will be confirmed by the OWHA in September. Most teams are expected to play 22-26 league games, with opponents typically located in the Greater Toronto area. Teams in lower divisions may participate in the Northern Ontario Women's Hockey League (NOWHL).

Tournaments: Most teams participate in 3 to 5 tournaments throughout the season, including Provincial Championships.

Post-Season: League playoffs and championships occur in March 2027. OWHA Provincial Championships are held in April 2027.

Ice Times: Teams are typically allocated 2 ice times per week. OWHL teams receive 2 ice times during the week plus additional weekend times for home games.

Skill Development: All SLW teams are required to provide a minimum of one weekly skill development session.

2.0 How to Register for Tryouts in RAMP

All tryout registrations are processed through the RAMP portal on the SDGHA website. Follow these steps to register:

1. Go to www.sudburygirlshockey.com
2. Click "Programs"
3. Click "Sudbury Lady Wolves"
4. Click "RAMP Step by Step Guide" for detailed registration instructions

Finding Your RAMP ID

If you need to locate your RAMP ID, follow this navigation path:

1. Go to www.sudburygirlshockey.com
2. Click "Programs"
3. Click "Sudbury Lady Wolves"
4. Click "Find your RAMP ID"

Important Registration Notes

IMPORTANT: Tryouts are held in the 2025/2026 season in RAMP. Tryout packages will be listed under the 2025/2026 season, not the 2026/2027 season.

Players not registered will not be permitted on the ice.

2026-2027 SLW Teams

Division	Birth Years
U22 A	2006, 2007, 2008
U18 AA	2009, 2010, 2011
U18 A	2009, 2010, 2011
U18 BB	2009, 2010, 2011
U18 B	2009, 2010, 2011
U15 AA	2012, 2013
U15 A	2012, 2013
U13 AA	2014, 2015
U13 A	2014, 2015
U13 BB	2014, 2015
U11 AA	2016, 2017
U11 A	2016, 2017
U9 B	2018, 2019

3.0 Tryout Registration Deadlines & Important Information

3.1 Advanced Registration Required

Advanced registration through the RAMP portal is required for all players wishing to participate in spring tryouts. Late registrations may not be accommodated.

Registration Deadlines

Division	Birth Years	Registration Deadline
U18	2009/2010/2011	April 7
U15	2012/2013	April 7
U13	2014/2015	April 7
U11	2016/2017	April 7
U9	2018/2019	April 7
U22	2006/2007/2008	April 7

3.2 Pilot Divisions (U13, U15, U18) – Release from AA/A Tryouts

For U13, U15, and U18 divisions participating in the pilot model: If a player is released from AA/A tryouts, they are automatically invited to BB/B tryouts. No additional registration or fee is required.

3.3 Traditional Format Divisions (U11, U9, U22) – Re-Tryouts

For U11, U9, and U22 divisions following the traditional tryout format: If a player is released from a tryout, there is no need to register for subsequent tryout opportunities. Simply arrive at the designated dates and times for the next level's tryouts. The head coach of the next group will contact all released players prior to the start of their tryouts.

3.4 Attendance Requirements

Tryout participants should register at the team/level that is appropriate for their individual skill level. Participation in the first session for each team/level is mandatory for all registered players. All tryout sessions after the first session for each team are by invitation only.

Participants may not join tryouts for a team after the first session unless granted explicit permission by the Competitive Director (competitive@sdgha.ca). Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for health issues or other extenuating circumstances.

3.5 Release Communication

Coaches are responsible for communicating player releases and roster decisions by email for documentation purposes. Coaches may also conduct phone or in-person conversations at their

discretion. Any in-person release discussion will follow the Rule of Two (two adults must be present). Release information will not be posted on the website. Players and families with questions regarding tryout releases should direct inquiries to the head coach.

4.0 Tryout Categories, Fees & Refund Policy

All participants register once and pay the required fee prior to tryouts. No refunds will be issued after payment has been received.

The tryout fee for each division covers all tryouts listed in the division row.

U13, U15, U18 – Pilot Model (Pay-Per-Phase at \$25/Skate)

Division	Birth Years	Tryout Fee
U18/U15/U13 Intake Evaluation	Various	\$75
U18/U15/U13 Team 1,2 (AA/A) Invitational	Various	\$125
U18/U15/U13 Team 3,4 (BB/B) Invitational*	Various	\$125*
U11-U18 Goalies	Goalies	\$100

*Players released from Team 1,2 (AA/A) tryouts do NOT pay an additional \$125 fee for Team 3,4 (BB/B) tryouts.

U11, U9, U22 – Traditional Format

Division	Birth Years	Tryout Fee
U11 AA/A	2016/2017	\$125
U9 B	2018/2019	\$75
U22 A	2006/2007/2008	Collected by team

5.0 Tryout Schedule

5.1 Schedule



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Age Group	Phase	Session	Date	Day	Arena	Start Time	End Time
U9							
U9	Goalie Eval	Goalie Eval - U9/U11	Apr 14	Tue	Cambrian Arena	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U9	Intake	A 1A	Apr 20	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U9	Intake	A 1B	Apr 20	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U9	Intake	A 2A	Apr 21	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U9	Intake	A 2B	Apr 21	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U9	Intake	A 3	Apr 29	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U11							
U11	Goalie Eval	Goalie Eval - U9/U11	Apr 14	Tue	Cambrian Arena	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1A	Apr 20	Mon	Cambrian Arena	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1B	Apr 20	Mon	Cambrian Arena	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2A	Apr 21	Tue	Cambrian Arena	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2B	Apr 21	Tue	Cambrian Arena	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3A	Apr 22	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3B	Apr 22	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U11	AA/A Pool	AA/A 4	Apr 24	Fri	Raymond Plourde Arena	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
U13							
U13	Goalie Eval	Goalie Eval - U13	Apr 14	Tue	Cambrian Arena	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 1A	Apr 15	Wed	McCrorry Ice 2	5:15 PM	6:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 1B	Apr 15	Wed	McCrorry Ice 2	6:15 PM	7:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 1C	Apr 15	Wed	McCrorry Ice 2	7:15 PM	8:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 2A	Apr 17	Fri	McCrorry Ice 2	5:15 PM	6:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 2B	Apr 17	Fri	McCrorry Ice 2	6:15 PM	7:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 2C	Apr 17	Fri	McCrorry Ice 2	7:15 PM	8:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 3A	Apr 23	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	5:15 PM	6:15 PM
U13	Intake	Intake 3B	Apr 23	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	6:15 PM	7:15 PM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1A	Apr 25	Sat	Carmichael Arena	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1B	Apr 25	Sat	Carmichael Arena	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2A	Apr 26	Sun	McCrorry Ice 2	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2B	Apr 26	Sun	McCrorry Ice 2	9:45 AM	11:15 AM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3A	Apr 27	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3B	Apr 27	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U13	AA/A Pool	AA/A 4	Apr 28	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:30 PM
U13	BB Pool	BB 1A	Apr 29	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U13	BB Pool	BB 1B	Apr 29	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U13	BB Pool	BB 2A	Apr 30	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	5:15 PM	6:15 PM
U13	BB Pool	BB 2B	Apr 30	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	6:15 PM	7:15 PM
U13	BB Pool	BB 3A	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U13	BB Pool	BB 3B	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U13	BB Pool	BB 4	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

U15							
U15	Goalie Eval	Goalie Eval - U15	Apr 14	Tue	Cambrian Arena	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 1A	Apr 20	Mon	Cambrian Arena	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 1B	Apr 20	Mon	Cambrian Arena	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 2A	Apr 21	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:30 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 2B	Apr 21	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 3A	Apr 22	Wed	Raymond Plourde Arena	7:00 PM	8:30 PM
U15	Intake	Intake 3B	Apr 22	Wed	Raymond Plourde Arena	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1A	Apr 24	Fri	Raymond Plourde Arena	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1B	Apr 24	Fri	Raymond Plourde Arena	7:30 PM	8:30 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2A	Apr 25	Sat	Raymond Plourde Arena	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2B	Apr 25	Sat	Raymond Plourde Arena	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3	Apr 26	Sun	McCrorry Ice 2	11:15 AM	12:45 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 4A	Apr 27	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	8:00 PM	9:30 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 4B	Apr 28	Tue	McCrorry Ice 1	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
U15	AA/A Pool	AA/A 5	Apr 29	Wed	McCrorry Ice 2	5:15 PM	6:45 PM
U18							
U18	Goalie Eval	Goalie Eval - U18	Apr 14	Tue	Cambrian Arena	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 1A	Apr 15	Wed	Chelmsford Arena	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 1B	Apr 15	Wed	Chelmsford Arena	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 1C	Apr 15	Wed	Chelmsford Arena	9:00 PM	10:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 2A	Apr 17	Fri	Chelmsford Arena	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 2B	Apr 17	Fri	Chelmsford Arena	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 2C	Apr 17	Fri	Chelmsford Arena	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 3A	Apr 20	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:30 PM
U18	Intake	Intake 3B	Apr 20	Mon	McCrorry Ice 1	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1A	Apr 22	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	7:00 PM	8:30 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 1B	Apr 22	Wed	McCrorry Ice 1	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2A	Apr 23	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	7:15 PM	8:45 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 2B	Apr 23	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	8:45 PM	10:15 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3A	Apr 25	Sat	Carmichael Arena	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 3B	Apr 25	Sat	Carmichael Arena	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 4	Apr 26	Sun	McCrorry Ice 2	12:45 PM	2:15 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 5	Apr 27	Mon	McCrorry Ice 2	8:45 PM	10:15 PM
U18	AA/A Pool	AA/A 6	Apr 29	Wed	McCrorry Ice 2	6:45 PM	8:15 PM
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 1A	Apr 30	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	7:15 PM	8:15 PM
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 1B	Apr 30	Thu	McCrorry Ice 2	8:15 PM	9:15 PM
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 2A	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 2B	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 3A	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 3B	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U18	BB/B Pool	BB/B 4	May TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
U22							
U22	A	1	25-Apr	Sat	Carmichael Arena	8:00 PM	9:30 PM
U22	A	2	May TBD				
U22	A	3	May TBD				
U22	A	4	May TBD				

5.2 Arena Locations

Lively = T.M. Davies Community Centre: 325 Andersen Dr., Lively, ON

Cambrian = Cambrian Arena: 795 Cambrian Heights Dr., Sudbury, ON

McCrorry Ice 1 / Ice 2 = Gerry McCrorry Countryside Sports Complex: 235 Countryside Dr., Sudbury, ON

Chelmsford Arena: 40 Civic Square, Chelmsford, ON

Carmichael Arena: 1034 Bancroft Dr., Sudbury, ON

Raymond Plourde Arena: 75 Levesque St., Chelmsford, ON

6.0 Tryout Eligibility

- To be selected to an SLW team, players must register and actively participate in spring tryouts. Health and other exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact competitive@sdgha.ca for more information.
- Players from another OWHA association in the 2025-2026 season (or before) will require a Permission to Skate form. Players must request this form from their previous OWHA association and submit it to competitive@sdgha.ca.
- Upon selection to an SDGHA team, player registration triggers the release from the previous OWHA association. Players and families must ensure all release requirements are met.
- Players from Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) teams are eligible to participate with no further action required, unless they were previously registered with an OWHA association. If previously registered with an OWHA association, a Permission to Skate form is required. If the player's last association was SDGHA, no form is required.
- Additional information regarding OWHA eligibility is available on the SDGHA webpage.

7.0 Tryout Process

7.1 U13, U15, U18 – Pilot: Streamlined Evaluation Model

The Streamlined Evaluation Model introduces a three-phase tryout process for U13, U15, and U18 competitive divisions. This pilot model is designed to provide a more efficient and comprehensive evaluation of player abilities.

Phase 1 – Registration by Stream

Families register for the appropriate competitive stream based on their player's skill level:

- AA/A Stream: Targeting the top two competitive teams at each age level
- BB/B Stream: Targeting developmental representative teams (opens after intake phase is completed)

All registrations are submitted through the RAMP portal on the SDGHA website.

Returning AA players with Direct Entry Status must still register for the AA/A invitational package. Direct Entry Status does not guarantee a roster spot; it provides a bye through the intake evaluation phase.

Phase 2 – Intake Evaluation

The Intake Evaluation phase is mandatory for all players who do not hold Direct Entry Status, including all imports and association transfers.

Three on-ice sessions are scheduled, designed to assess different aspects of player skill:

- Session 1: Skill Identification
- Session 2: Small-Area Games
- Session 3: Inter-Squad Scrimmage (refereed)

Groups consist of approximately 20-24 skaters per session

Board-appointed independent evaluators work alongside coaches to assess players

A dedicated goalie evaluation session is held on April 14

Direct Entry Status

Players who rostered on an SDGHA AA team at the same age level in the 2025-2026 season receive Direct Entry Status, which provides:

- A bye through the Intake Evaluation phase (no need to participate in Phases 1-3 of the intake sessions)
- Direct placement in the invitational pool alongside intake graduates
- Assessment only during the five-session invitational phase
- This approach aligns with Hockey Canada's Long-Term Player Development model and recognizes the commitment of returning AA players

IMPORTANT: Direct Entry Status does NOT guarantee a roster spot. Selected players must still participate in the invitational pool and compete during that phase.

Phase 3 – Five-Session Invitational Pool

The Invitational Pool brings together intake graduates and direct-entry players for final evaluation and team selection.

Target Pool Size: Approximately 40 skaters and 4-6 goalies per division

Session Progression: Sessions 1-2: Split practices | Session 3: Inter-squad scrimmage | Session 4: Split practice | Session 5: Final scrimmage

Release Policy: No releases occur before the end of Session 3, which protects against potential impacts from nerves, illness, or equipment issues. After Session 3, coaches may release players who are better suited for the next competitive stream.

One-Release Rule: Each player is only released once – either selected to the team roster or moved to the next stream (e.g., from AA/A to BB/B).

Stream Order: AA/A invitational pool is evaluated first, followed by BB/B invitational pool. Players released from AA/A are automatically invited to BB/B at no additional cost.

NOTE: The Streamlined Evaluation Model is a one-year pilot. A post-pilot survey will be distributed to all families and coaches to gather feedback on the model's effectiveness and efficiency.

7.2 U11 – Combined AA/A Tryouts

U11 combines AA and A tryouts into a single tryout group. Both AA and A teams are selected from this combined group.

Tryout Schedule:

- U11 AA: April 17-22, 2026 (5 sessions)
- U11 A: April 25-28, 2026 (final sessions after AA selection)

7.3 U9 – Traditional Tryout Format

U9 follows a traditional tryout format with 5 sessions scheduled for April 17-22, 2026. Tryouts include small-area games, skill assessments, and conclude with an intrasquad game in the final session.

7.4 U22 – Traditional Tryout Format

U22 follows a traditional tryout approach. Detailed schedule and arena location information will be posted to the SDGHA website as confirmed by the organizing team.

7.5 Goalies

All goalies from U11 to U18 age groups must participate in a dedicated goalie evaluation session on April 14, 2026, prior to attending all other tryouts.

Goalie Registration:

- U11-U18 goalies: Must register in the dedicated U11-U18 Goalies package (\$100 fee)
- U9 goalies: Register in their respective U9 age group package

7.6 General Tryout Day Information

- Players will be contacted at least 24 hours before their first scheduled tryout with session details and arrival instructions.
- If multiple sessions are offered on a single tryout date, players will be notified which group they have been assigned to.
- Arrive 30-60 minutes before the posted tryout start time to allow time for registration and check-in.
- Check in at the designated registration table (typically in the upper hall or at the front entrance of the arena).

- Each player will be assigned a numbered tryout jersey at check-in. Jerseys must be returned immediately after each tryout session.
- Lost or unreturned jerseys will incur a \$10 replacement fee.

8.0 Tryout Evaluation – What You Need to Know

8.1 U13, U15, U18 – Pilot Division Evaluators (Independent & Neutral)

To ensure fairness and consistency in the pilot model divisions:

- Board-appointed, paid, neutral independent evaluators with no conflict of interest are assigned to assess all players
- Evaluators use standardized scoring rubrics alongside coaches' observations to provide objective assessment
- A dedicated, independent goalie evaluator attends at least 2 tryout sessions per division to ensure comprehensive goalie assessment
- Coaches retain the final authority on roster selection decisions. Independent evaluators serve as a check and balance to ensure fairness and reduce potential bias.

8.2 U11, U9, U22 – Traditional Division Evaluators (Coach-Led)

For divisions following the traditional tryout format:

- Coaches are responsible for keeping detailed records of all evaluations and player assessments
- Coaches coordinate volunteer evaluators to assist with assessment. Minimum expectation: At least 2 evaluators present at each tryout session who are not directly associated with the team
- Additional evaluators may be recruited at the coach's discretion to provide more comprehensive assessment
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring all registered players receive a fair opportunity to be evaluated during the designated tryout sessions
- Players who are registered but unable to attend scheduled tryouts must submit a written request to the Competitive Director (competitive@sdgha.ca) to request an evaluation outside the designated tryout times
- Player selection decisions are entirely at the discretion of the coach. The SDGHA board does not make player selection decisions for traditional format divisions.

9.0 Questions and Contact Information

We are here to help! Please contact the appropriate staff member with any questions regarding registration, tryouts, or the SLW program:

Registration Questions:

Lisa White, Registrar
registrar@sdgha.ca

Tryout & SLW Program Questions:

Randi Ray, SLW Competitive Director
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