



Whitby Ringette Association

A/AA Tryout Process

(for parents, players and coaches)

General Information

1. This document is intended to provide Whitby Ringette Association (WRA) members including all parents, players and coaches, a transparent outline of the WRA tryout process for the A and AA levels.
2. The A and AA teams will be posted pre-season on the whitbyringette.com website. Players will be given an opportunity to register for tryouts.
3. WRA players must be registered for the season with the WRA to attend tryouts. Players from other associations may attend WRA tryouts, but must be registered with their home association.
4. Follow up communication from the WRA to the registered players will indicate the tryout dates, times, cost and payment methods.
5. In addition to warm up skates, the WRA will plan for three 1-hour sessions per level for the tryout process. Please note, the WRA will add or remove sessions, if required.
6. Evaluations are completed by the Team Formation Committee, aligned with the principles of the [Ringette Ontario guidelines](#). Please note, Head Coaches will also contribute to the evaluation process.
7. On-ice tryout plans are to be created in consultation with the Team Formation Committee, On-ice Lead, Player Development Coordinator and Head Coach.

Tryout Format

| Session | Format |
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| Tryout 1 | Skating and Drills. |
| Tryout 2 | 1st half: Skating and Drills 2nd half: Scrimmage. Note: the Head Coach will have a brief meeting with parents to outline the season expectations as known at the time (before or after tryout). |
| Tryout 3 | Scrimmage/exhibition game (planned and organized by Head Coach and division coordinator, if necessary). |

Positions Played During Tryouts

1. At the time of registration, players may identify their preferred position.
2. During tryouts, players will be given the opportunity to play in the position they identified at registration.
3. During tryouts, players may be asked to play in a position other than their preferred position.
4. The decisions regarding positions during season play are completely at the discretion of the Head Coach.

Notification Process

| After: | Process |
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| Tryout 1 | All participants are invited back to Tryout 2. |
| Tryout 2 | Within 2-3 hours (unless exceptions apply), an announcement will be posted on the WRA website listing the pinny# of players invited back for Tryout 3. |
| Tryout 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within 48 hours of the final tryout, the Head Coach will phone players with an “offer”. ● Players will have 24 hours to accept the “offer”. Please note, if the player is not a WRA member, they can only conditionally accept the offer until released from their home association. ● After all spots have been accepted, the tryout convenor will notify unsuccessful applicants via email. Included in the email will be specific instructions regarding tryouts at the next level of play. ● Should a parent or player be interested in feedback, they should contact the age-group convenor (contact information will be provided in the email). |

Tryout Policy for Injured, Ill or Absent Players

1. The WRA executive will handle instances where a player is injured, seriously ill, or absent for all or part of the tryout process on a case by case basis. Requests for consideration should be made via email to the WRA President.
2. The outcome for those cases will be one of:
 - a. If there is a clear and obvious placement for the player, the WRA may place the player on the appropriate team based on the history of the player. If the player does not agree with the placement, they may go to option b.
 - b. If there isn't a clear and obvious placement for the player, the player must try out when they are healthy/available.