

Ottawa West Golden Knights Injury in Tryouts Policy

Inevitably, there will be situations where a player is unable to either participate in tryouts - or to participate to the best of their abilities - due to a physical injury. These situations must be evaluated in order to strike a balance of what is fair to both the injured player and to the other players participating in the tryouts. To address these situations, the following is the policy of the Ottawa West Golden Knights Association. This policy covers injuries incurred prior to the start of tryouts as well as those incurred during tryouts.

A Competitive Committee comprised of members of the Association Executive – appointed by the Association President – will review each case and make the decision regarding the player's tryout status.

In each case, medical information must be provided to the Committee indicating that a player cannot participate in the tryouts. This includes a medical certification along with a description of the injury and the expected return to play date. Players must also provide a medical certificate stating that the player has been cleared to return to play. All medical information will remain confidential.

To determine the tryout status of the injured player, the Committee will consult with a variety of sources to obtain sufficient information about the player so that a reasoned decision can be made that considers both what is best for the player and the affected team(s). These sources will include, but not be limited to, the current coach, previous coach, coaches from higher level tryouts, and any other appropriate source deemed relevant by the Committee.

Outcomes of the Committee's decisions may include:

- Selection of the player to the team within the tryout period
- Allowance for reassessment or evaluation later in the tryout period
- Release of the player to the home association

All decisions of the Committee will be deemed final.