

Ottawa West Hockey Association (OWHA) Tryout Policy **Updated September 2023**

Players for OWGK teams shall be selected in accordance with the organization's objectives and their hockey ability. The tryout plan for skaters and goalies must be developed by the Head Coach prior to the commencement of tryouts, and approved by the Vice-President of Coaching.

All tryout sessions are mandatory. Requests for absences based on illness, injury, representation in provincial sport finals, and significant family events (bereavement) will be handled on an individual basis by the Head Coach. A player who misses a tryout can be released after one tryout and will not be issued a refund. In the case of ill or injured players please contact the OWGK executive.

All players must wear their OWGK tryout jerseys during all tryout sessions. A player who subsequently loses a jersey or requires a larger size will be expected to purchase a new set.

The "Player Selection Committee" will be comprised of the Head Coach, and a minimum of two (2) independent evaluators with no conflict of interest (herein after referred to as evaluators).

Parent Involvement in Tryouts Policy - Parents of children "trying-out" for an OWGK team are not to be involved in the selection process. The only exceptions are when a parent is also a Head Coach or when the Head Coach has sought and received permission from the OWGK Executive to involve a parent.

The tryout plan defined by the Head Coach will be the method used to evaluate the players by the Player Selection Committee. A record of assessments from each evaluator must be completed, signed, with the name of the evaluator clearly printed. The results of the "concluding" evaluations, using the criteria and processes of the tryout plan will define the selection of the final team.

It is left to the discretion of the Head Coach, as to when the confirmed players noted above are informed. Releases may be conducted by letter, by email or in person. Each tryout plan must identify the release process.

Once the initial team list has been submitted to the District Registrar, all player releases must have prior Executive approval.