



# EVALUATIONS

Thanks very much for your interest in Bay State Youth Hockey. Your son/daughter will be participating in a simple evaluation process to establish skill level.

This process allows us to place your skater on the correct team. Youth hockey's first intent is to improve skills. "Winning" is a secondary concern. All players will be assessed on skating skills such as stopping, starting and use of their edges. Puck handling ability as well as shooting and passing will also be assessed. You will be asked to remain in the lobby during the evaluations. Please let the skaters focus on what is happening on the ice.

Mites and Squirts evaluations will be almost exclusively based on individual drills, but some 1 on 1 and 2 on 1 exercises will be incorporated to assess some game sense.

Peewee and above evaluations will also include the assessment of body checking. As a reminder, body checking is applied to separate the player from the puck and nothing more. The Peewee, Bantam and Midget evaluations will also include some game situation drills.

There is always the possibility of some player movement shortly after the start of the season. Considerations must be made to be sure we do not hurt the other team's roster. Twelve or more skaters per team is what we are hoping for, but we can't move people if the numbers aren't there to justify it.

Regarding tuition: We are awaiting word on what the cost of our practice ice will be as well as our respective league fees. We can not set the tuition until we have those fees (we usually have those in May). As a point of reference, last year's tuition was \$1150.

We require a \$225 non-refundable deposit which will be credited (in full) toward your final tuition. There have been questions surrounding the \$225 tryout fee and why it has gone up since last year (\$125).

Let me explain why we have taken the decision to increase the fee. Last year we had 7-10 people pay the tryout fee and tryout. Afterwards they went to other tryouts and never came back and never told us they were not coming back. For them the \$125 was a throw away and just the cost of doing business.

As an organization, we take the tryout numbers (the number of skaters) and then we take what our costs will be and we divide the costs by the number of skaters. Add in some fundraising and we get our tuition number. Pretty simple.

Losing 7-10 skaters means we have a deficit of \$7-10,000. We felt that by increasing the tryout fee it would mean that people that were coming to our tryouts were going to stay and play. The \$225 is applied in full toward your tuition which is due September 1<sup>st</sup> so we felt that asking for more up front would help us make better decisions as an organization.

One last note, the \$225 is still the lowest tryout fee around.

- The Lakers are \$250
- Shrewsbury is \$300
- Midstate was \$300 last year

Thanks again for your interest.