**[TEAM] Tryouts – [YEAR] Season**

Welcome to the [TEAM] Rep tryouts for the [YEAR] season – please see below for some useful info.

**Player Selection and Criteria**

* The objective over the tryout period is to select the 15 strongest players and 2 goaltenders for the team. In selecting the team, I will be considering several criteria including but not limited to*:* ***skill, intensity, resilience, development potential, leadership, hockey sense* and *coachability*** demonstrated during the tryouts and over the past several months. In addition to attending practices and games played (regular season, playoffs, Provincial Qualifiers etc.), I have had the chance to observe several players over the past several weeks and months.
* The tryout process is the **final step** in selecting the team. While the head coach has the final say, contributing factors to player selection include:
	+ *the rep coaching selection committee input (consisting of [COACHES FROM WHAT TEAM?] coaches)*
	+ *feedback received from the [COACHES FROM WHAT TEAM?] coaches*
	+ *player observations at various games and/or practices over the last several weeks*
	+ *tryout performance*
* **As a result of the evaluations performed to date, [TEAM] has 4 positions available at forward, 3 positions available at D, and 1 position(s) available at G.**

**Time Commitment**

* Each player is expected to **prioritize Hockey as their top sport during the hockey season**. Players are expected to attend all functions. You can anticipate 4-5 activities per week including one away game.
* **Training camp is booked for [WHEN?] through [WHEN?] (local). All selected players are expected to attend both days.**
* The [TEAM NAME] Team will enter 4-5 tournaments this season; two of which will likely be out of town.
* It is a goal of our team to compete at both league and the Provincial championship weekends. As such **the expectation is for players to be available during March Break for practices and Playoff / Playdown games**.
* Christmas - It is the coach’s intention for families to be able to enjoy a break at Christmas.

**Financial Commitment**

* The final team budgets are yet to be finalized and are expected to be approximately $X,000. Your family commitment will be *approximately* $ X,000 per player and can be partially offset by fund raising and sponsorship activities.

**Family Commitment**

* As with any team sport, we will need parent volunteers to help with team management and team functions to ensure a positive experience for your daughters. This will be discussed at the first parent meeting.
* It will be your daughter’s responsibility to ensure that hockey does not negatively impact her schoolwork.
* To be clear, my philosophy is **SCHOOL COMES FIRST** - a player or family should NEVER feel they are letting the team down if they need to miss an event to focus on schoolwork with adequate notice.

**Rep Apparel and Game Jerseys**

* All [NAME OF ASSOCIATON] players will be required to wear a consistent uniform to all games (Regular season, exhibition, tournament, playoffs, play-downs) in accordance with the required dress code for players
* Fittings at [APPAREL PROVIDER] will occur after the team is picked and will need to be completed within a timely manner as dictated by the association. Payment for these items will be made at time of purchase by each family.

This is an anxious and uncomfortable experience for all – players, parents and coaches. I would respectfully request that you refrain from calling or emailing during the tryout period as we need to be as objective as possible. I would be pleased to discuss anything about the tryout or the evaluation process after this period. In the meantime, if there are any issues please direct them to the [NAME OF ASSOCIATON] office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and best of luck during the tryouts!

**[NAME]**

Head Coach, [ASSOCIATION AND TEAM]