

TRYOUT PROCESS 2025-26 SEASON

PHASE 1

- All skaters will participate in 2 skill sessions.
- **Goalies** will be assigned to one of these skill sessions each.
- Skaters will be assigned into a session based on alphabetical order by last name, for both forwards and defensemen.
- **Goalies** will also be evaluated in up to 2 goalie-only sessions per division, with specialized goalie evaluators. *These evaluators will be from at least two outfits.*
- After these sessions have concluded, skaters will be assigned into balanced scrimmage groups.
- **DATES U13/U15: Aug 22-24**
- **DATES U11/18: Sept 2-5**
- **NO RELEASES TO C**

PHASE 2

- Skaters will play 3 scrimmages in their balanced groups.
 - *In U18 only, there will only be 2 balanced groups that will play each other 3 times. For the 2nd scrim only, the Defensemen will swap benches.*
- **Goalies** will be rotated between all groups.
- Any scrimmage in Phase 2 may be 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 depending on the number of skaters
- This is the first opportunity for a player to submit an Evaluation Review Request. There is a formal process that must be followed. Here is a link to that process:
<https://form.jotform.com/232366490855060>
- **DATES U13/U15: Aug 25-28**
 - **RELEASES TO C: Aug 29, by 3pm**
- **DATES U11/18: Sept 6-8**
 - **RELEASES TO C: Sept 9, by 3pm**

PHASE 3

- The remaining skaters will be reshuffled onto new tiered groups and will play 2 more scrimmages.
- **Tiered groups are not Pools.** *Players still have the potential to be assigned into a higher or lower Pool, or to the C division, going into Phase 4.*
- Any scrimmage in Phase 3 may be 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 depending on the number of skaters

- **Remaining Goalies** will continue to be rotated between all groups.
- Assignments to A1, A2**, and A3** Pools will occur after the last scrimmage game for both skaters and **goalies**.
 - A1 Pools will carry no more than 20 skaters and 3 **goalies*** going into Phase 4.
 - A2** and A3** Pools will each carry no more than 15 skaters and 2 **goalies*** going into Phase 4.
 - If a division requires all teams to keep more players on their final rosters due to goalie shortages, these pool capacities might be higher, but the number of extra players will be no more than 5 skaters/1 goalie to be released.
- This is the last opportunity for a player to submit an Evaluation Review Request. There is a formal process that must be followed. Here is a link to that process:
<https://form.jotform.com/232366490855060>
- **DATES U13/U15: Sept 2-6**
 - **POOL ASSIGNMENTS/RELEASES TO C: Sept 7, by 3pm**
- **DATES U11/18: Sept 9-10**
 - **POOL ASSIGNMENTS/RELEASES TO C: Sept 11, by 3pm**

PHASE 4

- All Pools will participate in a Jamboree, and Pools in some divisions may participate in scheduled exhibition games as well.
 - Any exhibition games will be booked by Head Coaches.
 - A1 Coaches have the option to give some players (max 5) a bye for these exhibition games and/or during the Jamboree.
- Movement within Pools may still occur up until the Final Release Date.
- *Releases at this stage are coach decisions and are considered final. No review requests are allowed.*
- **DATES U13/15: Sept 7-14**
- **DATES U11/U18: Sept 12-14**

FINAL RELEASE DATE

For all divisions, this will be **SEPT 14** after the Jamborees in person at Poirier. For U11 only, parents are invited to sit in on the releases with their player.

Movement to C will be in the form of up to 5 skaters and 1 goalie per division.

NOTES

* At this time, U11 and U15 goalies will be final at the end of Phase 3 for the A1 and A2 Pools. This may change if goalie numbers increase.

*** if the division has adequate skater/goalie numbers for A2/3 teams.*