

ESMHA TRYOUT INFORMATION

ESMHA has policies in place regarding the tryout process. They can be found on our website www.esmariners.ca under ESMHA Tryout Policy and Procedure. Should you have any questions during the process please reach out to your players level coordinator.

Objectives of Player Tryouts

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills during skating, on ice tactical drills, intersquad and exhibition games (when possible).
- To place players on the most appropriate team based on their level of skill, measured against their peer group, during on-ice evaluations.
- To provide uniformity, consistency, and transparency in the tryout process so that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the association's age groups.
- To form teams that are competitive at each level and provide the best opportunity for all players to further develop their skills and to HAVE FUN playing hockey.

Schedule

Please visit www.esmariners.ca for the tryout schedule. Level coordinators will communicate as important information becomes available. **The schedule is subject to change and it is important that you check the website frequently for the most up to date information.**

Tryouts are expected to run late September into early October.

2025 Levels being Offered

U11 – A – (Decision on whether a B team will be offered will be made during the tryout process)

U13 – AA – (Decision on whether an A or B team will be offered will be made during the tryout process)

U15 – A

U18 – C

U23

Tryout FAQ

The following are frequently asked questions that hopefully will help build greater understanding of how the process works:

1. How many tryout sessions will there be?

- There will be two skill sessions and one intersquad game guaranteed before any releases are made.
- Following the first set of releases, another intersquad game or exhibition game (if possible) will be played.

2. Why do we have tryouts?

- ESMHA conducts tryout sessions to provide player assessments each season and to place players on competitive teams. The goal of ESMHA is to provide the best opportunity for all players to further develop their hockey skills.

3. Who will do the evaluations?

- MD360 is hired to take players through the sessions (skills sessions 1 & 2)
- Goalies will have an 1 hour on ice skills session
- Off-ice evaluators will be responsible for evaluating every player on the ice during the time allotted (skills & intersquad)
- On-ice evaluators may also be utilized and may provide feedback related to coachability and attitude during tryout sessions.

5. Will players be released during tryout week?

Yes, but all players will have a minimum of three ice sessions.

6. After the evaluation sessions, how are the players notified of their final standing?

- Once the intersquad session is completed, the evaluation committee will meet and go over the players scoring and selection.
- Once releases are finalized, the divisional coordinator will notify your age group by email to check the website, where lists will be posted.

We wish everyone a great start to the hockey season. See you at the rink!

Sincerely,
ESMHA Executive