



Ancaster Avalanche Minor Pee Wee AA 2015-2016



Pre-Tryout Information

Thank you for attending the 2015-2016 **Ancaster Avalanche Minor Pee Wee AA** tryouts.

I hope this information will help you understand the tryout process that will be used to select the team this year

Tryouts:

Minor Pee wee AA Date	Time	Type	Participants
Chedoke	April 24 7:00 to 8:00pm	Goalies	Goalie evaluations, goalies to attend
Morgan Firestone	April 25 12:00 to 1:30pm	Tryout 1	AE & HL players, NRP's and players who did not play in Ancaster in 2014-15
Morgan Firestone	April 26 12:00 to 1:00pm	Tryout 2a	All Registrants with last names starting with A through H
Morgan Firestone	April 26 1:00 to 2:00pm	Tryout 2b	All Registrants with last names starting with I through Z
North Wentworth	April 28 7:15pm	Ex. Game	Only Players & goalies identified on AMHL website to proceed to this tryout
Morgan Firestone	April 29 6:30pm	Ex. Game	Only Players & goalies identified on AMHL website to proceed to this tryout
Chedoke	May 02 12:30pm	Tryout 5	Only Players & goalies identified on AMHL website to proceed to this tryout
North Wentworth	May 03 2:30pm	Tryout 6	Only Players & goalies identified on AMHL website to proceed to this tryout

- Goalie evaluations will be handled by external goalie evaluators
- Tryout 1 & 2 will be run by AMHL evaluators – skills assessments and tactical drills
- Tryouts 3 & 4 are exhibition games vs. Flamborough Atom AA (tryout also) – mixed squad games not all available players will dress for both games. Players will be informed of which game they will play
- Tryouts 5 & 6 – skills/battle drills and scrimmages (inter squad)
- No releases until at least after the second tryout, releases may occur anytime afterwards until team has been finalized
- Releases will be made after Tryout #2 and thereafter via Minor Pee Wee tryout list page on the AMHL website no later than 9pm the day of the tryout: The following link will take you directly to the page. <http://ancasterminorhockey.com/Teams/1349/TryoutList/> If you TIN# is on the list you are to report to the next scheduled tryout, if your TIN# does not appear your AA tryout will have ended at this point.
- If you wish to speak to the coach regarding your player's tryout I will be available after the tryouts have officially ended on May 4th. I will gladly set up a time for discussion regarding your player's evaluation for purposes of improvement. ancaster2004AA@gmail.com
- Players selected to the team must sign an OMHA Offer of Commitment by May 7th

Fair/Impartial:

- AMHL provides independent evaluators to each tryout
- I have organized my own independent player/goalie evaluators for each tryout
- together the evaluators will come to a consensus of players who are to be released, held for further evaluation and finally offers of commitment

What am I looking for?

- Skating, aggressiveness and skill level (passing, shooting, stick handling etc.)
- Attitude, effort, commitment, coachability, discipline, sportsmanship, whether the player is a team player or individual (cannot be selfish – If a player is open and in a better situation, do you pass the puck?)
- Looking for team chemistry. I am big on TEAM, not individual players!!

- Hockey sense - must be able to show they can play within a system or basic positioning. I will be big on systems, both offensive and defensive and the players will have a lot to learn. It will be a big responsibility for them.
- Looking for what the players do on ice with the puck but, more importantly, what they are doing when they do not have the puck (which is most of the time) Positioning, Fore-check, Back-check and ability to read the play and anticipate things (at this age kids should be showing signs).

Cost?

- Cost will be approximately \$1500 for rep fees on top of the \$520 already paid for AMHL registration.
- Does not include:
 - team wear (clothing); AMHL will continue with the Reebok clothing line so the old KEWL clothing will not be acceptable. Players new to the team will have to purchase things.
 - Tournament accommodations; we will play in 2 or 3 tournaments (1 local and 2 away?) locations are undecided.

Commitment?

- We will be on-ice over 120 times between practices, games and tournaments; 3-4 ice-times per week from Labour Day to possibly the end of March (7 months)
- Our geographic area is comprised of Burlington, Brampton, Caledon, Fergus, Guelph, Halton Hills, Milton, Niagara Falls, Oakville, Orangeville, Stoney Creek and St. Catharines.
- Summer Conditioning Program – up to you as most players are doing other sports a voluntary program will be made available.
- Late August/early Sept. Training Camp (3-4 Days) – Dry-land, Classroom – Systems and On-ice
- We will have dry-land training and positioning sessions during the year as well – gyms and outdoors
- It is expected that families are to attend 100% of practices and games, understanding that certain unforeseen incidences may occur during the year.
- It is highly recommended that no other rep sport(s) is participated in during the hockey season (Sept-March) due to overlapping schedules which may result in loss of ice time.
- Holidays – leaving your team at a key point in the season could be devastating to the other 16 players!

Philosophy

- To have fun! This is most important. If these boys are still playing rep they need to have fun!!
- To develop all 17 players and give all 17 an equal chance to play during the regular season
- Each player will have an opportunity to be on the PP and PK
- Last 5 minutes of any game and towards December and January, PP and PK at coaches discretion
- Preference of 3 lines with 6 Defense and be able to have all players on the PP and PK.
- This would be ideal but will likely not always happen – EFFORT and TEAM PLAY will play a key role in the amount of ice-time a player will receive during a game, ultimately it is the players choice not mine.
- Playoffs
 - We will play to win (develop during season, refine and play to win in playoffs)
 - Players will have 5 months to show they deserve to play on the PP and PK
 - We will try to roll 3 lines, 6 Defense and goaltenders but that may not happen
 - Ideally our only real chance at success is to be able to roll every player
- Players who do not follow instructions in practices and games, who put themselves above the team (retaliatory penalties, undisciplined penalties) or who violate the team rules will face progressive discipline including reduced ice time.
- As coaches we see ourselves as role models for these young men and we will take that role seriously. We are representing Ancaster and we will do so with class. We will do our best to direct players individually and provide positive criticism and feedback.

Other Notes:

- Players selected to the team must sign the OMHA Offer of Commitment by May 7th, 2014.
- I will have a Parent meeting where we will go over the season particulars and each family will get a copy of the 2015-2016 Minor Pee Wee AA Parent-Player Manual.
- Parents and players must sign the AMHL Code of Conduct

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Fullerton".

Greg Fullerton

Head Coach – Ancaster Avalanche Minor Pee Wee AA 2014-2015