



# ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Major Atom AE Tryouts

Dear players & parents,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2015-2016 Ancaster Avalanche Major Atom AE team tryouts. I take this opportunity to thank you for attending. The objectives of Major Atom AE are very similar to the AA program; to compete at a higher level, furthering skill development, enjoying camaraderie all the while having fun.

You have already gone through some rigorous testing & tryouts for the AA team. This can be an anxious time for everyone, including parents. The selection process for the AE is no different. Player selection will be based on their individual abilities such as:

**Skating**  
**Team play**  
**Attitude**

**Puck handling**  
**Hockey sense**  
**Desire**

**Shooting**  
**Attentiveness**  
**Coachability**

To ensure that the selection process is fair, there will be independent evaluators assisting me in assessing and choosing the players for the team.

If you can't make one of the tryouts, please notify me or I will assume that you no longer wish to continue.

**Releases will begin after the second tryout is complete.**

**All players are guaranteed two (2) tryouts.**

**Players who are selected to advance to the next tryout will be posted on the AMHL website using your assigned TIN. Please refer to the separate letter regarding the TIN process.**

**No letters will be handed out during this tryout process.**

A formal parent team meeting will be scheduled at a later date in May once the final roster is chosen. Is it important to know that playing AE hockey requires a significant commitment in both time & financially. With tournaments and playoffs, teams expect to play approximately 60 games during the season. With all of this extra ice time, cost to play rep hockey is an additional \$1500 per player depending on the level of fundraising and sponsorship obtained.

Help your child deal constructively with the evaluation and the process. Your encouragement to play hard and have fun will do more to promote a long-lived "hockey career" than anything else.

Please do not attempt to contact the evaluators or myself during the tryout process requesting any type of feedback on your player, as that type of communication undermines the integrity of the process.

Thank you for attending the tryouts.  
Olivier Boiteau