**Common Tryout Questions**

**1. Who may attend Tryouts?**Any player wishing to try out for a LLGHA travel team is welcome to attend the tryouts for their age groups as follows:
U11 - Atom– 2011 - 2012
U13 - Peewee – 2009 - 2010
U15 - Bantam – 2007 – 2008
U18 - Midget – 2004 - 2005 - 2006

**Note:**Players registered with any other female hockey association must provide a signed Permission to Skate (PTS) form from their current OWHA association, at the first skate.  **Players new to Lakeshore Lightning or Essex Thunder must bring a copy of their birth certificate to the first tryout.

2. What is being evaluated?**Player Selection criteria are specific to age and level and will be evaluated using drills that aim to allow players to demonstrate specific skills, tactics, behaviours and overall hockey knowledge and intellect. Coaches will also consider their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude when building their team.

**3. Who will perform the player evaluations and how are they used in the Selection Process?**Off-ice evaluators will be responsible to evaluate every player on the ice during the time allotted. Evaluators may include: the Head Coach, independent evaluators of the Head Coach’s choosing, and if required independent evaluators assigned by the LLGHA.

**4. What should my daughter wear to the evaluation?**Full equipment is always mandatory. Players will be assigned and provided a coloured numbered jersey that must be worn at every tryout. If not returned after last skate, there will be a charge of $50 for replacement.

**5. How will players be notified of their standing within the tryout process?**Some coaches may choose to call the players, but final rosters will be posted on our website [www.lakeshorelightning.com](http://www.lakeshorelightning.com) under each team’s main page. At that time, the names of those who did not make first team will be sent to second team coaches to create their tryout lists. Where needed, releases will be done via the RAMP system requested by the parent. Confirmation will be sent via email to the parent’s email address.

Questions regarding an individual’s evaluation may be submitted to the Head Coach via email following a 48 hour grace period after the conclusion of tryouts for that team.

**6. Will players be evaluated in both skill evaluation and game environments?**For those players advancing through all stages of the tryout process there will typically be an opportunity to exhibit the range of skills that they possess in both skill evaluation and game settings. The breakdown of skill and game situation evaluations will be determined by the Head Coach.

**7. What happens after the final evaluation session?**Upon the completion of the final evaluation session, each remaining candidate will either be offered a roster spot on the team or asked to begin the tryout at the next level. This information will be received by phone or via email within 24 hours of the final tryout session.

**8. What level is a player required to try out for to play on a given team?**Players are encouraged to try out for the highest team offered in their age group. Players who choose not to attend the highest level tryout should notify the Travel Director, travel@lakeshorelightning.com, of their intentions so they can be added to the next team’s tryout list.

**9. What happens if a player is sick or injured during tryouts?**Players unable to tryout must present to the Head coach and the Rep Convener a doctor’s note specifying that the player is physically unable to participate during tryouts. The note must include a suggested date for the player to be able to return to competitive play. It will be at the discretion of the head coach whether a spot will be held for the injured player.

**10. What happens if a player is away during tryouts?**Players must attend tryouts to be eligible to make a LLGHA travel team. *Exemptions from participating in a tryout must be requested and granted in advance by the Head Coach and the Travel Director*. The Head Coach and Travel Director are not obligated to grant any exemption request. Should a player miss a tryout without an approved exemption, the LLGHA reserves the right to allow or disallow that player a spot on a Travel hockey team for the next season.

**11. What do you do if the player wants to play at a year above their eligibility?**Any player wishing to tryout for a team above their proper age group is eligible to tryout only for the top tier team of the older level. If they fail to make that team they must return to their proper age group. Where a player is playing at a division higher than their age group, the player must be evaluated to be in the top 5 players for the highest division, based on skill and ability.

Players wishing to play in a division above their age category must email the Travel Director of their intentions no later than two weeks prior to the first tryout to allow time for independent evaluation and approval of the Board. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Board.

**12. How many players will each team carry?**All travel teams shall carry a minimum of seventeen (17) players (15 skaters + 2 goalies) unless otherwise approved by the LLGHA board.