



## Minor Atom (2010) Select Tryouts

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 select tryouts.

### Communication

Tryouts can be very stressful for all those involved including players, parents and coaches. The coaching staff will do their best to give every player a chance to make the team. If any player or parent has a question please feel free to contact the head coach by email. Please do not contact the coaching staff at the tryouts because they will be busy prepping and evaluating the players.

All communication regarding the tryouts will take place on the select team page of the WMHA website. We will attempt to post the names of the players moving forward to the next stage of the tryout process as soon as possible. Only the names of those players moving forward will be posted on the WMHA website.

### Commitment

The WMHA minor atom select team will provide players with an opportunity in playing in a more competitive atmosphere. Being part of a competitive team requires a level of commitment from all involved that will ensure that as a group we can have a successful season. The team includes parents, players and coaches. The whole team is expected to help where possible to ensure we have a fun and successful season.

We will play 20 exhibition games and we will participate in 3 Tournaments. All players will be expected to commit to being at all team events during the season (games, practices, tournaments etc.). If you are planning a vacation or absence from the team during the season, please contact the head coach.

### Tryout dates

Friday, October 8, at 7 pm at RIM park Lion arena

Saturday, October 9, at 5 pm at Albert McCormick arena east pad

After each tryout there may be a release. Please check the WMHA website to see if your child has been selected to continue with tryouts. The coaching staff will do its best to post results soon after each tryout.

## **At the tryouts**

You **MUST** report to the sign in table by the front entrance to collect your pinnie before the first tryout. Please return the pinnies after each tryout.

## **Medical**

Please let the coaching staff know of any pre-existing medical conditions before the tryouts begin.

## **Team Selection**

We will select 17 players (15 skaters and 2 goaltenders). All players trying out for the team will have an equal opportunity to make the team. Playing on a higher level team previously does not give that player any advantage over other players. The coaching staff will be looking for the best skaters that can focus on what is being taught, willingness to work hard, show determination, display some hockey sense and an ability to follow instructions. The coaching staff will put together a skilled, balanced and fair team.

## **Player positions**

Not all players will get to play the position that they have requested. The coaching staff will make player position decisions based on the best interest of the team.

## **Final Roster**

The coaching staff will do their best to post the final roster as soon as possible after the last tryout date. Those players whose names do not appear on the team roster are welcome to contact the head coach to arrange a time to discuss feedback on their player from the tryout process.

## **Team guidelines and ice time allocation**

The minor atom select team follows the rules set out by WMHA select and house league guidelines (posted on the WMHA website). These rules and guidelines operates within the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (ALLIANCE Hockey), the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and Hockey Canada. The WMHA rules and guidelines are subject to, and intended to supplement, all ALLIANCE Hockey, OHF and Hockey Canada rules currently in effect.

The rules and guidelines state that ice times will be allocated in a fair manner to all members of the team throughout the course of the season. However, changing "on the fly" can occasionally lead inadvertently to unequal ice-times. The coaching staff will try to rectify any accidental inequalities during a game. The coaching staff may also use a "Power Play" during the last two minutes of a game, which is the only other exception to this fair ice time rule.

## **Code of Conduct**

All Players, Parents, Spectators, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Officials, Convenors and WMHA Directors are expected to abide by the WMHA Code of Conduct (found on the WMHA website). Failure to read the code of conduct cannot be used as an excuse for unacceptable behaviour.

## **Practices, games and tournaments**

The team will play 20 exhibition games (10 home and 10 away games). We will also go to three tournaments (to be determined).

Tournament #1 late November to early December

Tournament #2 late January to early February

Alliance Select Championship (March/April 2021). The tournament dates have not yet been posted for this tournament.

In addition to the games we will also have about 25 practices spread throughout the year. Some of these practices will be during the week at 6:30 am.

### **Estimated team fees**

Waterloo Minor Atom Select Fee	\$350/player
Tournament costs (three tournaments)	\$220/player
Team costs (e.g. ice time, practice jerseys)	\$220/player
<b>Estimated total cost per player</b>	<b>\$790/player</b>

Team fund raising will likely reduce some of the team costs. Team fund raising is the responsibility of all team member (parents, players and coaches).

Please direct any questions to Jamie Joseph.