



Welcome to the 2025-2026 U11 B Rep Team tryouts:

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The remainder of the coaching team will be chosen following player selection.

Commitment and Expectations

Participation in Waterloo's Representative Hockey programs requires commitment, dedication and sacrifice on the part of coaches, players and families. There may be in excess of **100 ice times** including games, tournaments, practices and skill development sessions both on and off ice.

PLEASE LET THE COACHING TEAM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED AS A PLAYER TO MAKE THE COMMITMENT OR AS A PARENT TO HAVE YOUR DAUGHTER PLAY AT THE U11B LEVEL. IF YOU ARE ONLY AT TRYOUTS TO GET SKATING TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW. ANY PLAYER NOT INTENDING TO PLAY FOR THE TEAM WILL BE ASKED NOT TO RETURN AFTER THE FIRST TRYOUT.

Tryouts

Process

During the tryout sessions, players will be evaluated on work ethic, hockey knowledge and individual skills. We are looking for strong work commitment, team players, leadership, positive attitude, creativity and individuals with a well-disciplined approach to the game.

If your daughter is unable to attend a tryout session it is imperative that you contact the Head Coach immediately. Instances of absence will be assessed on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Head Coach and Director, Representative Hockey.

Schedule

Refer to the Tryout Schedule on the Ravens website for all tryouts including intrasquad and tryout exhibition games. Please check frequently as schedules are subject to change.

Imports

Rules for import players are found in the Manual of Operations on the WGHHA website (Policy number MO-06-06), however, per MO-06-05, U11 Representative Teams are exempt from MO-06-06.

Releases

After the second tryout, we will be posting jersey numbers on the Ravens website of the players invited to return for the next tryout. The jersey number assigned at the first tryout will be the number posted.

If you wish to speak with the Head Coach after your daughter has been released, please wait 24 hours after the release to reach out. We ask parents to be respectful of the task that the coaching and evaluation staff faces in selecting the final team.

Reminders

- Please arrive 30-45 minutes prior to ice time in order to register
- Players are to be dressed, ready to go on the ice 10 minutes before the scheduled ice time
- For exhibition games please arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time
- Tryout jerseys are to be returned at the end of each tryout
- Please inform the head coach if your daughter is unable to attend a tryout or is withdrawing from the tryout process

Regular Season

The Waterloo Ravens are members of the OWHHA Southwestern Ontario League. The tentative loop will be communicated to you as soon as it's finalized. The game schedule will be available near the beginning of October (approximate).

Tournaments

We are participating in the following Tournaments:

- Lakeshore (near Windsor): Oct 17-19
- Waterloo: Nov 6-9
- Cambridge: Jan 9-11
- Orangeville: Jan 24-26

We hope to qualify for the following Tournaments:

- League Championship Tournament: Late March 2025
- Provincial Championship Tournament: Early April 2025

Fees

Successful players are responsible for paying the following:

- Ravens General Registration Fees

- Rep Fees and
- Team Fees

Total costs for this team/program vary according to team decisions on the team fees (finalized at the parent meeting) but can be assumed to be in the range of \$2500-\$2700 per player for the season.

The Registration and Rep Fees are set by the WGHA.

The Team Fees will be presented and approved at the parent meeting post tryouts, tentatively scheduled for Sunday September 14th at 9 am (note, this will be virtual meeting). A member of the WGHA board will be present to discuss fees and services provided. The full team budget will be reviewed at the Parent/Player meeting at that time.

Beginning the 2023-2024 season, the Ravens off ice mandatory clothing had changed. ***It is expected that all players will be in the new mandatory off ice clothing for the 2025-2026 season and this is not included in the above team fee.***

Volunteer Expectations

Volunteerism is an integral part of WGHA programming. In addition to team staff roles, parents/guardians of players selected to a WGHA Rep team are expected to volunteer their time at WGHA hosted tournaments during the season (4 - 6 hours per family at a minimum), as well as any other activities to support their team and the Association.

Parent/Player Meeting

Our first 2025-2026 Parent/Player meeting will be held shortly after the team is formed and tentatively scheduled for Sunday September 14th at 9 am. Note: this will be a virtual meeting.

It is imperative that at least one parent attend the meeting. We will be reviewing and approving the team fees, reviewing the plans for the 2025-26 season and discussing important volunteer roles for our team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me, Scott Storey, Executive Director, Waterloo Ravens executivedirector@waterlooravens.com, Shaun Leitch, Director of Player and Development development@waterlooravens.com, or Rick Tokarz, Chair, WGMHA, chair@waterlooravens.com, before or after the tryout sessions.

Best of luck to everyone in the tryout process!

Thank you for participating.