



Welcome to the 2025-2026 U9 B Rep team tryouts:

Coaching Team

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The remainder of the Coaching Staff will be chosen following player selection.

Commitment and Expectations

Participation in Waterloo's Representative Hockey programs requires commitment and dedication on the part of coaches, players and families. Over the season there may be **3-4 hockey commitments per week from October to April** 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 THIS 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 Rep League Liaison.

Schedule

Refer to the Tryout Schedule on the Ravens website ([Tryout Schedule \(Waterloo Ravens Girls Hockey Association\)](#)) for all tryouts, including intrasquad and tryout exhibition games. Please check frequently as schedules are subject to change.

Imports

The maximum number of import players permitted on our team is governed by the team's division level within WGHA and the team's divisional (age group) classification. Rules for import players are found in the Manual of Operations on the WGHA website (policy number 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, I, as head coach, will be happy to speak with you 24 hours after the release. We ask parents to be respectful of the task that the coaching and evaluation staff faces in selecting the final team.

Reminders (Coaches' Comments)

- Please arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled ice times.
- Parents will not be allowed in the dressing rooms; designated room helpers will be available to tie skates or players can have parents tie their skates outside the dressing room.
- Players are to be dressed and ready to go on the ice 10 minutes before the scheduled ice time.
- Tryout jerseys are to be returned at the end of each tryout.
- Please inform a member of the Coaching staff if your daughter is unable to attend a tryout or is withdrawing from the tryout process.

Hockey Season Schedule

- Hockey season can run from mid-September to mid-April.
- Expect to be available for practices and games during the holiday season in December and during March break.
- The Waterloo Ravens are members of the OWHL Southern Division.
- The regular season game schedule will be communicated when finalized.

Regular Season Tournaments

(subject to change):

Waterloo Ravens Fall Challenge Cup	November 6-9, 2025
Clarington Flamesfest	January 15-18, 2026
New Tecumseth ODR Family Day Festival	February 13-15, 2026
Brantford Walter Gretzky Tournament	February 19-22, 2026

Post Season Qualifying Tournaments

(subject to change):

- Provincial Championship: Early April 2026

Cost

- Team / program costs are expected to be approximately \$2500 per player.
- Additional costs may include but are not limited to:
 - Hotel and Travel expenses
 - Waterloo Ravens Gear
 - Jersey Bag and Name Bar
 - Other

Volunteer Expectations

Volunteerism is an integral part of WGHA programming. In addition to team staff roles, parents/guardians of players selected for 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

Parent/Player meeting – September 18th, @ 7:00pm. It is imperative that at least one parent/guardian attends the meeting with your athlete. We will be reviewing and approving the team fees, reviewing the plans for the season, and filling important volunteer roles for our team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me, or Scott Storey, Executive Director (executivedirector@waterlooravens.com).

Best of luck to everyone in the tryout process!

Thank you for participating.