



## Atom DS Team 2016-17 Try-outs

Welcome to the Atom DS Team try-outs.

### Coaching Team

Head Coach: David Barnes

Remaining staff will be appointed following team selection.

### Commitment and Expectations

Participation in the DS program requires additional commitment, dedication and sacrifice on the part of coaches, players and families. There may be in excess of 25 ice times including games, tournaments and practices.

**Please inform the coaching staff as soon as possible if you are not prepared to make the commitment to play at the DS level. If you are at tryouts for some additional ice time and do not plan to commit, please let us know. If you do not intend to play for the team we ask you not to return after the first try out.**

### Tryouts

#### ➤ Process

During the try-out sessions, players will be evaluated on work ethic, hockey sense and individual skills. We are looking for players that will work hard, are team players, have a positive attitude and take a disciplined approach to the game.

#### ➤ Schedule

Try-out 1	Nov 19 6:00 pm - Moses Springer	Skills & Drills
Try-out 2	Nov 24 6:30 pm - Albert McCormick West	Intersquad Game

#### ➤ Releases

After each try-out jersey numbers of those players being asked to return will be posted. Jersey numbers worn during the 2<sup>nd</sup> try-out will be the numbers posted for those invited to play for the Atom DS Team. Please take note of your player's number at the 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout. We ask parents to be mindful and respectful of the task that coaches and evaluators face when selecting the final team.

### **Alternate players**

If there is sufficient interest and numbers, we intend to invite up to an additional 5 players to be Alternate Players (APs). APs will be expected to attend all team practices and will be invited to play in games when team members are absent. This will allow us to offer the DS program experience to a greater number of players.

### **Reminders**

- Please arrive 30-45 minutes prior to scheduled ice time in order to register.
- Players are to be dressed, ready to go - 10 minutes prior to ice time.
- Tryout jerseys are to be returned after each try-out.
- Please inform coaching staff if your daughter is withdrawing from the process.
- Parents are asked to watch from the viewing area only and not be present in player benches.

### **DS Season**

The DS program will include 8-12 practices and 8 exhibition games between Dec – March. The schedule will be posted to the Atom DS calendar when it is finalized.

### **Tournaments**

We are looking to register in the following 2 tournaments.

**Guelph DS Invitational**

**January 7-8, 2017**

**Brampton Canadettes Easter Tournament**

**April 13-16, 2017**

### **Team Fees**

Successful players are responsible for paying the following DS fees and Team fees. The DS fees are \$165 set by WGMHA. The Atom DS Team fee will be approx. \$140 per player. The full team budget will be reviewed at the Parent/Player meeting after Team selection.

### **Volunteers**

It takes a lot of people to contribute to a successful hockey team and season. We will be looking for volunteers to fill the following roles for the upcoming season. Trainer(s), Assistant Coach(es), Team Manager, Parent Rep, and possibly a few additional roles.

### **Parent/Player meeting**

We will have a Parent/Player meeting the week after try-outs. Please ensure at least one parent attend the meeting with your daughter. We will be approving the Team Budget, reviewing the season and filling important volunteer roles.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me, Laura Simon (Director House League) [laura@waterlooravens.com](mailto:laura@waterlooravens.com), before or after tryout sessions.

**Thanks for participating!**