



U10 Belleville Bulls AA Coach “Tryout” Information

Hello Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Thank you for registering your child to tryout for the U10 Belleville Bulls AA team. I am very excited to be coaching the team this upcoming season!

I can appreciate that tryouts can be a stressful time for players and families. Regardless of the outcome, parents should be proud of the efforts that your player puts forward during this competitive tryout situation. I am confident that wherever your child plays hockey this year, it will be the best for their long-term development. I encourage all players to try their best during the tryout phase, and for parents to provide positive support before and after the ice-sessions.

Please see below for the tryout schedule, tryout information, and season general information:

Tryout schedule:

Date	Time	Rink/Arena
Saturday, April 27	3:00-4:00pm	Wally Dever
Sunday, April 28	3:00-4:00pm	Wally Dever
Monday, April 29	6:00-7:00pm	Wally Dever
Saturday, May 4 (Invitation only)	10:00-11:30am	Away game vs. Kingston Invista Centre – CUPE rink
Sunday, May 5 (Invitation only)	12:00-1:30pm	Home game vs. Kingston QSWC – FDC rink

Tryout information:

- **On-ice Structure:** Players can expect a series of drills, small areas games, and scrimmages during tryouts.
- **Team Roster:** Fourteen skaters / two goalies (BMHA approved) will be selected.
- **Evaluation:** The coach will select players with feedback from independent evaluators who do not have any affiliation with the team.
- **Evaluation Criteria:**
 - Skaters: Fundamental hockey skills relevant to the U10 age group including, but not limited to, forward/backwards skating, puck-handing, passing, shooting, positioning, hockey sense, work ethic, and attitude will be evaluated.
 - Goaltenders: Fundamental goalie skills relevant to the U10 age group including, but not limited to, overall movement, basic saves, rebound control, positioning, skating, quickness, work ethic, and attitude will be evaluated.
- **Player Releases:** Releases will occur after the Monday, April 29 ice-time and each subsequent ice-time. All tryout attendees will receive 3 ice-times prior to releases.
 - Releases: Will be made electronically through the Belleville Minor Hockey website; an email should have been sent to you with your child’s tryout number. Parents of players that have been released are welcome to reach out by email (jamiesmith18@gmail.com) 24 hours after their final tryout and we can set-up a time to discuss.



Season General Information:

- **Commitment:** Expect to have hockey team functions (practices, games, other development activities) 3-5 days per week for 1-1.5 hours per ice-session. Please ensure that you inform me early in tryout process if you do not intend on committing to the U10AA team if selected.
- **Cost:** Families can expect costs that range from \$1500-2000 over the course of a full season (early September – end of March). This does not include the cost of equipment, hotels, travel, etc...
- **League games:** Season games are as far as Kingston (East), Ajax (West), and Peterborough (North).
- **Tournaments:** Three tournaments will be scheduled over the course of the season. All attempts will be made to select tournaments closer in proximity (ie. Kingston/Cobourg). There will likely be two closer tournaments and one tournament at a further distance (2-3 hours) that would require overnight stay in hotel.
- **Development:** As a coach, I will follow the long-term athlete development model. Athletes need opportunities to develop in the technical, tactical, physical, and mental components of the game. Every attempt will be made to provide these young athletes with age-appropriate development opportunities in each area.

If you have any questions regarding the tryout process, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact me by email at jamiesmith18@gmail.com for general questions and we can also set-up a time to connect by phone if further discussions are necessary.

I greatly appreciate your interest in playing U10 rep hockey this year in Belleville and wish your player all the best during tryouts and the rest of the season.

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