

Representative Tryout Information and Related Costs



Let's face it, hockey has become an expensive sport and our job as the BGHA Executive is to ensure that parents know up front what costs can be expected and to be incurred. This is by no means a complete list, nor is intended to be, but is a guide as to what costs may be incurred for a Rep players' hockey season. Past history shows that it costs approximately \$500 to \$800 extra per hockey player for many of the extra items listed below. Many teams do fundraisers such as 50/50 during home games, product sales and many other types of fundraising to help offset costs of entering out-of-town tournaments, team apparel, clinics, and other team expenses. Other than the cost of registration that all BGHA players must pay, there are additional costs to consider such as switching practices from "non-prime time" to "prime time" ice, as well as extra practices as decided by the coaching staff after consulting the parents of the team. Rep fees are also an extra charge that the Association has to add to each player/team to cover tournaments, referee costs, longer game and practice times, just to mention a few. We have provided some ideas for Fundraising in our on-line Library on the website to assist with off-setting costs.

The carding fee for the BGHA is \$500.00 per player. This will be held by the BGHA and applied to individual team invoicing at the end of the season. Unspent monies are refunded.

Rep tryouts are exactly that, and our coaches strive to make their teams from the best players at tryouts who "show their stuff" in the 3-4 ice times that are slotted as tryouts. It is strongly recommended that if the hockey player wishes to try-out for Rep Hockey, they get in the best possible shape prior to tryouts to give themselves the best chance possible. The reason tryouts are not longer is the need for a sequential timeline to fill multiple teams and leagues within a short period of time. The Rep tryout process is not perfect, but we do strive to make it as fair and objective as humanly possible, with many checks and balances as mandated by the Executive and enacted by the Rep Director. It is very subjective and what one person may see in a player may not be what the coach wants to make up his/her team, not to mention the proper chemistry on the team. Coach's team selections are final. Traditionally, this is the hardest time of the year for coaches as they do not like breaking any hockey player's heart, but is it part of their role to form the teams, so please respect and support them as getting qualified coaches is becoming harder and harder to accomplish. Coaches are human beings with feelings and do volunteer excessive amounts of their personal time and effort, not to mention expense, to coach your daughter.

The Executive