

California Stars 2009-2010 Try-Out Fact Sheet and Club Information

Welcome to try-outs for the 2009-2010 California Stars. We appreciate your attendance and interest in our youth hockey program. Please review the following information regarding our try-out process and club.

Schedule and Cost

Please arrive at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start time of your try-out. Players must register at the front welcome table and provide proof of USA Hockey membership (membership card, IMR form or email from USA Hockey) and a copy of their birth certificate. All try-outs will be approximately one hour in duration. Teams will conduct a total of three formal try-outs. Head coaches reserve the right to schedule additional try-out sessions if necessary. The cost for each try-out is \$25. Players can attend all try-outs for \$60. A \$10 per session discount will be given to A or B level try-out attendees who have already participated in two or more Tier tryout sessions.

Evaluation Format

The Stars coaching staff will use a combined scrimmage game/skills drill format for this year's try-outs. Tier level try-outs may be exclusively scrimmage format to enable coaches to evaluate player skills and abilities in a game situation context. Head Coaches will make the final decision on their try-out format.

Players will be evaluated on game situation abilities, overall hockey skills, work effort, and prior hockey experience. Tier level try-outs will also gauge players' ability to learn the Head Coach's system. Evaluators will consist of the respective team's Head Coach, Assistant Coach and the Stars Director of Coaches or representative of the Stars Coaches Committee.

Evaluation Results

Within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the on-ice try-out, individual player results will be posted on the try-out information board located on the west side of the rink. Players designated with an "L" next to their name are being offered a Letter of Intent (LOI) to play for that Stars team for the 2009-2010 season.

The LOI is valid for the date offered only. Players who wish to discuss the LOI process and/or sign the LOI can meet with the Head Coach and/or team manager in the Fitness Center, upstairs from the rink. No signings or discussions about the LOI process will be conducted in the rink or lobby area. **Should a player receiving a LOI decide not to sign, they can return for future try-outs but the original LOI is withdrawn.** It may or may not be offered again to the player at subsequent try-outs.

Players designated with an "R" after their name are being offered an invitation to return to the next scheduled try-out for that team. Most coaches do not sign an entire roster of players at the first try-out, so the "return" designation is a sincere offer indicating the coach is interested in the player but not prepared to offer a LOI at that try-out. We encourage all players designated to return to do so.

Club Dues*

Team	Dues	Reg. Fee	Total
Mite B	\$1645 (\$235 monthly – 7 payments)	\$300	\$1945
Squirt B	\$2065 (\$295 monthly - 7 payments)	\$325	\$2365
Squirt A	\$2240 (\$320 monthly - 7 payments)	\$350	\$2590
Peewee A	\$2940 (\$420 monthly - 7 payments)	\$425	\$3365
Bantam A	\$2940 (\$420 monthly - 7 payments)	\$425	\$3365
Midget 16A	\$2940 (\$420 monthly - 7 payments)	\$425	\$3365
Midget 16AAA	\$4800 (\$600 monthly – 8 payments)	\$500	\$5300
Midget 18A	\$2940 (\$400 monthly - 7 payments)	\$425	\$3365
Midget 18AAA	\$4800 (\$600 monthly – 8 payments)	\$500	\$5300

*Head Coaches reserve the right to implement additional "team dues" to cover tournament travel costs or other services not covered by club dues such as physical conditioning training. Check with your coach for details.

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Fees Due At LOI Signing

In order to complete the LOI signing, you must pay the registration fee as listed on the above schedule (cash, check or credit card). This fee covers all Club, League (SCAHA), and State (CAHA) registration costs, required CAHA weekend fees, playoff deposits and is due at the LOI signing. This fee also pays for individual player photos and other miscellaneous operating and administrative costs. Player families will be given three (3) dues payment options: full payment upon signing (cash, check or credit card); seven (7) [eight (8) for AAA teams] payments using post dated checks to be completed at signing; or seven (7) [eight (8) for AAA teams] payments using automatic debit from a bank account or credit card account. The later two methods require signees to authorize the Stars to process automatic payments on the first of each month from August through February (July through February for AAA teams). Jersey package fees are also due at signing (see below)

Jersey Package

The Stars jersey package is \$400 and includes home jersey and socks, road jersey and socks, practice jersey and socks, warm-up jacket and club polo shirt. Tier I and II teams reserve the right to require additional equipment items at additional expense. These items are mandatory team wear. Game jerseys and socks from the previous season may be used if in good condition, and jersey numbers do not conflict. Likewise, any California Stars warm-up jacket and pants from the previous season is allowed. New Stars players must have these items. Each coach will determine what his team will wear to games. The Stars Club President will coordinate all jersey orders. Order forms will be available at the time of signing, along with samples for sizing.

Team Orientation Meeting

Immediately following try-out sessions, each team will conduct a brief orientation meeting to provide parents and players an opportunity to meet with their coaches, team manager and club representatives. Jersey and equipment orders will be coordinated at this meeting. The meeting will give coaches an opportunity to provide an overview of their objectives and goals for the team, discuss travel tournament plans, off-ice conditioning, answer questions and get to know their player families.

Team Practice Schedule

Each AA, A and B level team will receive two one-hour evening practice sessions and one one-hour evening clinic session each week. AAA teams will receive three one-hour practice sessions each week. Mite and Squirt, teams may have to share ice for one or both of their two weeknight practices. Depending on the number of Stars teams we field, it is possible that teams may be scheduled some rotating weekend practice times. The practice schedule is subject to holiday week or other special event blackouts (i.e., Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas-New Years, President's Day) where no practices or clinics will be held. Weekly practices and clinics are included with your dues. A practice schedule will be published on the Stars website.

Travel Tournaments

Individual teams and coaches make the final decision on tournament travel. Tier teams are invited to play in the Center Ice Semenov Hat Trick Classic Tournament between Christmas and New Years at a reduced registration rate. Teams are free to play other tournaments subject to applicable Board or league policies.

Fund Raising

Fund raising activities are coordinated by the Stars Booster Club. Booster Club officials will be present at tryouts to provide information on specific programs and opportunities.

Rosters

A and B level teams will carry 15 players each. Tier teams will carry a minimum of 17 but may sign up to 20 players. Check with your coach for specific information.

LOI Signing Information

Information on which players have signed LOIs for each team will be posted on the try-out information board.