**C.1 POLICY FOR TRY-OUTS**

**“The Document following will replace existing Royals documents and policies to become the new “Policy for Tryouts”.**

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**Club Philosophy for Coaches**

Try-outs are a time to re-connect with past players and parents and discover the potential in new members. Try-outs are always a stressful time for everyone – players, parents, and Coaches. Providing a relaxed and transparent environment for all will make your job easier during the selection process.

Coaches are encouraged to have a Pre-Tryout meeting with parents (15 minutes prior to 1st Tryout) to verbally communicate expectations etc. for both the tryouts and the season. You may consider a little bio of yourself and the other coaches. An outline of the financial commitment, practice nights, number of games/tournaments etc. gives transparency to your proposed program AND it prevents any surprises after the team has been selected.

Having a pre try-out meeting with the players is a good idea. A brief discussion with players before the tryout begins is also encouraged to verbally communicate what to expect in the tryout, what the Coaches are looking for in a player; bball skills, concepts, basketball IQ, physical literacy, fitness etc.

When choosing drills for your try-outs be sure to choose ones that provide players with an opportunity to show the entirety of their skill set. Allow players a number of repetitions to display what they can do individually. Design full court drills which will demonstrate what their “court sense” is.

When selecting your team be sure to take into consideration everything about the athlete. Factors such as an ability to fit in with the team, skill set, athleticism, maturity to compete at this level and meeting the needs of your team are important. Even things such as the athlete’s other activities (i.e. another sport or part-time job) may affect the player’s availability during the season and impact your decision.

Remember, the 12 best players don’t make a good team, but rather, the best 12 for your team makes your team good!

When communicating with players who were not successful in make your team, thank them for trying out and encourage them to continue working on their game. Give them encouragement and a suggestion on how to improve. Encourage them to look for other playing opportunities in a house league or camp setting and invite them to try out again next year.

**Club Policies for Try-outs:**

C1. The Barrie Royals Basketball Club will hold tryouts open to all youth before

each season. All Team tryouts will follow the **Tryout Procedure** outlined

for Head Coaches within “Coaches Corner”. Within this procedure are

the regulations for 1. Team Scheduling & Registration

2. Tryout Format

3. Team Selection Criteria

4. Tryout Results

C1.-01 It is the responsibility of the Team Head Coach to ensure that all

Players attending the try-out are eligible at that age division.

It is extremely important that the Team Head Coach consult Policy C1.-01 **“Playing Up”** regarding any players who are requesting to play in an age division above their present age. The “Play-Up “ procedure for this eventuality is outlined below.

C1.-02 Each athlete will have at least TWO try-out opportunities in the Schedule to demonstrate their basketball skills and conceptual understanding to at least 2 assessors.

**Do not make “cuts” after the first tryout.**

C1.-03 The Royals strongly recommend selecting the following number of players –no less - for these age divisions and levels of competition:

OBA/OBL U10 – U12 #1 Team only > 12 players

2 Teams > 12 players per team is ideal, however depending on numbers and player level, teams may consist of a minimum of 10 to a max of 12

OBA /OBL U13 – U19 #1 Team only > 8 players minimum

2 Teams at the age group> 10 players per team is

ideal, however depending on numbers and the player level, teams may consist of a minimum of 8 to a max of 12

Note: See policy C1.-04

This policy follows not only the current Ontario Basketball Rules and Regulations but the “Player Development” philosophy of the Barrie Royals

Basketball Club.

If a Team head Coach would like to select more than the number of players in the Policy, he/she must contact the Club Competition Committee prior to informing all players of their selection.

C1-03 -1 “Red Shirts” and Mid – Season Roster Additions

**Philosophy:** The Barrie Royals Basketball Club believes it is in the best interest of both the Club and the athletes that restrictions be placed on membership. When registering with the Club, both the Team Head Coach and the athlete must affirm that the athlete will register and compete for **only** Barrie Royals Basketball Club in the current season. Exceptions to this rule are school basketball teams, programs/teams regulated by Provincial Teams and National Teams AND summer “AAU Teams”.

**Action:** It is the responsibility of the Team Head coach **to apply to the Barrie Royals Board of Directors** for the addition of a player(s) to the Team List after the Team rosters have been received by the Director of Registration.

Applications which may be deliberated upon the board of Directors are:

1. An athlete moves with his/her family to the City of Barrie part-way through the academic year but prior to April 1st.
2. An athlete leaves or is cut from another basketball program (i.e. Simcoe United or JUEL-prep) and has nowhere else to train and/or compete. The athlete is currently registered at a school within the Barrie catchment area.
3. An athlete of the same age division who is a child of the current Coach or a past Royals Coach in good standing with the Club.

In ALL CASES, in order to protect the integrity of the Club and the current roster players, the Board will ONLY allow the athlete to register as a “Practice Player” (aka “Red Shirt”). The Board WILL NOT review the application of an athlete who currently plays for another team other than the exceptionalities listed above.

As per Policy C1.05 a Team may have **a maximum of three** (3) registered Practice Players on its Player List. Each player must sign the Player Contract.

When a Team Head Coach applies to add an athlete to fill a Team roster spot vacated by a player(s) who has a season-ending injury or is unable to continue with a Royals team program, approval **MAY be granted by the Board.** In this case, the athlete may become a full registered member of the Team.

C1.-04 Tryout procedure for age groups with more than one team:

If there is potential for TWO teams at an age division, In order to fairly assess the players, it is important that the Club structure these tryouts differently. When we know in advance that we will be running two (or more) teams we should have an extra tryout date set aside per extra team.

**AT THE TRYOUT #1 SIGN-IN TABLE, THERE WILL BE A CHECKLIST FOR ATHLETES TO CONFIRM IF HE/SHE IS TRYING OUT FOR TEAM @1 ONLY, TEAM #1 AND TEAM #2, OR TEAM #2 ONLY.**

THE PROCESS BELOW SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS PRIOR TO TRYOUT #1. THIS CAN BE DONE THROUGH A MEETING AND/OR EMAIL.

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Below is the suggested format for how the TEAM HEAD COACH #1 SHOULD plan the tryout framework.

**Tryout #1: ALL** players are present as well as invited Assistant Coaches who are under consideration. After this tryout the Head Coach of #1 Team will identify what players they are looking at for the next tryout. This will be done in a timely manner and communication is key. Players that are contacted will attend tryout #2. If a player is not contacted they will attend tryout #3.

**HOWEVER, in the advent that one or more athletes might choose “to pass” on the #1 Team invitation to attend the next tryout- in favour of participation on the #2 Team, those players must inform the Team #1 Head Coach immediately following the conclusion of Tryout #1.**

**Tryout #2: ONLY** players being considered for the Team #1` will attend. After this tryout, Team #1 Head Coach will identify the players he/she is choosing and offer them a spot on their team. This will need to be done quickly so that tryout #3 can proceed. Those players that are unsuccessful will be contacted by Team #1 Head Coach and invited to attend tryout #3.

At this time, the COACH SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL CHOOSE THE Team #2 Head Coach.

**Tryout #3: ALL remaining players** are in attendance (those not invited to Tryout #2 plus those not chosen at Tryout #2). Players from this tryout will be selected for the Team #2 Head Coach. All unsuccessful players will be contacted by this Coach.

**Rationale:**  This process allows coaches for both teams to see the players in action while allowing players to compete against players of similar ability. It also makes the tryouts more manageable for the Coaches due to there being less players in the gym. This also meets our Policy that each player gets 2 tryouts. Some will actually get 3 tryouts.

C1.-05 Practice Players: Barrie Royals supports the inclusion of practice players on Rep Team rosters under the following conditions:

1. Practice players must pay the Practice Player Fee designated

by the Club to for insurance and OBA player development fees.

1. A team may have a maximum of 3 practice players.
2. Practice players must sign the Player Contract and abide by the Club Code of Conduct
3. Practices players must attend practices regularly
4. These athletes are encouraged to attend and sit on the bench for all home games (in Barrie). Players have the option to travel with the team for away games, sit on the team bench and participate in all team activities.
5. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a practice player may be invited to register as a full participant on the OBA Rep Team roster (i.e. due to injury or illness the number of Rep players falls below the OBA requirement). The decision will be made in consultation with the Club Competition Committee.

C1.-06 It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to submit to the Club, a

Team List of all Players selected and their contact information.

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to email the Team Information document with the names and contact information of the Coaching Staff and team Manager.

**This information must be emailed to the Director of Registration within 7 days of the last tryout”**

**C1.-01 PLAYING UP POLICY**

The Barrie Royals Basketball Club’s s preference is for players to participate at their age appropriate levels. This supports the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) and Athlete Development Model (ADM) of Basketball Canada. However, the Club recognizes that, while rare, there may occasionally be unique circumstances where it is in the best interest of a player’s development to have them participate at a higher age group. In such cases, the determination of whether a player will earn a “Play-Up” spot on an older team will be the responsibility of the Basketball Development Committee., Team Coaches and the entire Assessment Team at the tryouts.

**PLAY-UP PROCEDURES:**

1. Players must register for the team they want to try out for with the age appropriate information.
2. Upon registration, the Coaches and Basketball Development Committee will be notified that there is an underage player wanting to participate with an older age group.
3. The Basketball Development Committee will attend all tryouts to properly assess the athlete in question taking the following criteria into consideration: skill level, conceptual implementation, basketball IQ, social/emotional development, safety, physical attributes.
4. The Basketball Development Committee will work in conjunction with the coaching staff and entire assessment team to make a final decision on the player in question.
5. The Basketball Development Committee will discuss the decision making with the players, parents/guardians, in person for any athletes not successful in the “Playing-Up” tryout process.