Milton Winterhawks PeeWee AE

Third (Final) Tryout Invitation Letter

Dear Players,

Congratulations on earning a spot in our final tryout session. For our game tomorrow there are a few things that the evaluators will be looking for to help us make sure we ice the strongest team possible next season. Here is a list of the qualities that we want our players to have:

* Effort:
  + - * we are looking for players who **skate** their hardest at all times, whether attacking on offence, back checking or making a line change
      * we want players who **battle** as hard as possible to gain/keep possession of the puck
      * we want players who do their best to **follow direction** from their coaches
* Team Play:
  + - * we are looking for **unselfish** players:
        + we want players who **pass the puck** to create better situations for our team

on offence, the puck carrier is expected to **headman the puck** when exiting our zone and through the neutral zone (between the blue lines). Once we have entered the offensive zone we expect our players to use puck movement to generate scoring chances for their linemates and themselves

* + - * + on defence, players are expected to **back check** at full speed, attempt to **prevent scoring chances** and **get into position** in the defensive zone as soon as possible (expected positioning will be reviewed prior to the game)
        + players are expected to skate their hardest when coming to the bench for a change
      * we want players who **communicate**

**call** for passes

**alert** teammates to their surroundings - for example if a defenceman is retrieving the puck from behind the net his partner and/or the goaltender alert him that he is under attack (“man-on!”)

goalies alert defencemen to uncovered opponents in front of the net

communicate with linemates on the bench **between shifts**

* Hockey Sense:
  + - * we are looking for players who are able to read the flow of the play and put themselves in a position on the ice to help their teammates
* Sportsmanship:
  + - * + we want players who are **respectful**

players are expected treat teammates, coaches, opponents and referees with **respect** AT ALL TIMES - on and off the ice

players are expected to **encourage** their teammates

help your teammates in celebrating their goals more than you celebrate your own

provide your goaltenders with encouragement throughout the game