



Try-Out Information - Pee Wee "AA"

Pee Wee "AA": 2020-21 Season Information

As we have done as an organization at older levels, the expansion of competition and exposure to higher level hockey began in the Pee Wee (U12) age group. and will follow that plan with our Pee Wee "AA" group next season. The **Pee Wee "AA"** team will play in the PAHL "AA" league and will also compete against some of the best teams in North America playing in AAA & AA tournaments and independent games.

This group will practice multiple times per week and will focus on the skills and team concepts to continue the development of our players as they enter a very important time in their hockey development process. The team information is as follows:

- **Head Coach** – Tom Chiappetta
6 years of coaching experience for South Fayette High School program and MLHA
Played for the Hornets and Upper St Clair High School
Played club hockey in college at University of Dayton
- **League** – PAHL AA
- **Practice** – One to two weeknight practices depending on the week, once in a regularly scheduled skill based shared ice session, and once on full ice as a team when full ice sessions are available. In addition, weekend days where games are not scheduled practices will be held giving each player a minimum of 3 ice sessions per week and sometimes 4 ice sessions per week.
- **Middle School Friendly** – We encourage our players to compete on their school teams if they choose. As an organization, we believe kids at this age should be afforded the opportunity to experience the fun environment Middle School Hockey provides, allowing them to compete for their school in front of classmates and parents.
- **Game Schedule** – A schedule of approximately 50 games will be played between PAHL games, scrimmages, and tournaments. With the majority of our players most likely participating in middle school hockey keeping our game total to around 50 games affords our players the rest and recuperation necessary to compete on two teams. The scheduling for 2020-21 season will occur in September 2020. The schedule will be posted soon thereafter to allow our families to plan accordingly.
- **Tournaments** – this team will compete in several high-level tournaments including
 - Silver Stick regional – Dayton, OH
 - East-West Challenge (TBD, PA)
 - Harbor Town Tournament in Buffalo, NY
 - At least one preseason tournament (most likely local)

- One-two local tournaments (Last season the team played in 4 local tournaments during the season)
- **Skater Season Fee** – \$1,800, this fee covers all practices and independent game schedule (Tournaments entered will be billed on a per player basis)
- **Goalie Season Fee** - \$500
 - Note: goalies will receive a \$750 stipend for goalie instruction, instructors are at the discretion of the team and player

If your player is interested in trying out for this team, we will have series of open skates that are open to all current and prospective MLHA members. Space for these is limited, and so we will hold spots based on a first come – first serve basis. The cost for these sessions is \$30 and information can be found in the tryout tab on the MLHA website.

Tryout Dates:

- April 18th – 8:10 – 9:00 PM
- April 19th - 11:50 – 1:00 PM (Call Back)
- April 20th - 7:10 – 8:00 PM (Call Back)

You can register for tryouts on the MLHA website here:
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/224839/signups/new>

Dave Klasnick
MLHA VP of Hockey Operations

Scot Lehman
PAHL Rep and Director of Coaching

Jeremy Church
American Development Model Coordinator