

Valley Forge Minutemen

Tier I Youth Hockey Program



2009 – 2010 “AAA” Open Tryouts

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Mission Statement:

Foster an environment that promotes personal growth, character and athletic development of all student athletes. Compete and excel within USA Hockey at the local and national level and ultimately advance quality individuals who are prepared to lead on and off the ice.

Philosophy:

Our program is committed to the development of all student athletes by placing an emphasis on:

- Quality coaches
- Fundamental skill development through proper instruction and repetition
- Instilling the values of character, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork
- Having fun while competing hard with pride, discipline and respect for the game
- Commitment to teamwork and accountability

Teams and Practice:

The Valley Forge Minutemen Organization is a proud member of the Atlantic Youth Hockey League. It is our intention to select competitive “AAA” teams for Mite, Squirt Major, Squirt Minor, Peewee Major, Peewee Minor, Bantam Major, Bantam Minor, Midget 16U National and 16U American. **Mite, Squirt and Peewee teams will practice a minimum of two (2) or three (3) days per week throughout the season.** Bantam teams will practice twice per week throughout the season. In effort to work with High School programs and assist in preventing “athlete fatigue” our Midget teams will practice twice per week August - October and once per week November – March. **Team coaches will be posted on www.oakscenterice.com when finalized.**

Commitment to Skill Development:

The Valley Forge Colonials and Valley Forge Minutemen Organizations are committed to being the leader in fundamental skill development. It is our goal to provide the very best instruction for basic skill development. Our Mite, Squirt and Peewee teams are the foundation of our organizations. We will provide these age groups with 2 – 3 practices per week run by quality instructors to build for a strong future. If you are serious about wanting to excel in the game of hockey, you must understand that fundamental skills are the priority. Our practice sessions will be innovative. We will maximize ice utilization with rotating stations that focus on basic skills, concepts and small games. Our approach and dedication to developing basic skills will prove to be a great investment in your child’s growth as an athlete. We have no intention of teaching a 10 year old “The Trap”!

2009 – 2010 Open Tryout Schedules:

Midget AAA 16U National / American (BY 93 and 94)

Wednesday	April 8, 2009	7:00 – 8:15 PM
Thursday	April 9, 2009	7:00 – 8:15 PM
Monday	April 13, 2009	7:00 – 8:15 PM
Tuesday	April 14, 2009	7:00 – 8:15 PM

Bantam AAA Major / Minor (BY 95 and 96)

Tuesday	May 5, 2009	7:30 – 8:45 PM
Wednesday	May 6, 2009	7:30 – 8:45 PM
Thursday	May 7, 2009	7:30 – 8:45 PM
Friday	May 8, 2009	7:30 – 8:45 PM

Peewee AAA Major / Minor (BY 97 and 98)

Tuesday	May 5, 2009	6:15 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday	May 6, 2009	6:15 – 7:30 PM
Thursday	May 7, 2009	6:15 – 7:30 PM
Friday	May 8, 2009	6:15 – 7:30 PM

Squirt AAA Major / Minor (BY 99 and 00)

Tuesday	May 5, 2009	6:00 – 7:15 PM
Wednesday	May 6, 2009	6:00 – 7:15 PM
Thursday	May 7, 2009	6:00 – 7:15 PM
Friday	May 8, 2009	6:00 – 7:15 PM

***Mite AAA Major (BY 01 - 02): Tryouts with Valley Forge Colonials starting on Monday, May 11th 6:00 PM**

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2009 – 2010 Fees:

Midget	AAA 16U National / American	\$3,500.00
Bantam	AAA Major / Minor	\$2,900.00
Pewee	AAA Major / Minor	\$2,700.00
Squirt	AAA Major / Minor	\$2,400.00
Mite	AAA Major	\$1,150.00

Payment Schedule:

\$500.00	due on <u>selection</u> to a team
\$500.00	due on June 17, 2009
\$500.00	due by July 17, 2009
\$500.00	due by August 17, 2009 (Mite balance due)
Balance	due by September 17, 2009

Your team fee includes our Spring / Summer Program (16 practices) and 3 Day Team “Mini Camp”

Players are responsible for purchasing: Team Jerseys, Socks, Bag, Shell, Helmet and Jacket

All players MUST register with USA Hockey Online and submit proof of registration by June 1, 2009 to the Center Ice Hockey Office.

2009 – 2010 Tryout Registration Form

Player's Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell#: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell#: _____

Last Season's Team Level (circle): AAA AA A

Last Season's Team: _____

Preferred Position: _____

Tryout Fee: \$100.00 (Payable to Valley Forge Minutemen must accompany Form)

Report to First Tryout one hour early for Registration

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Required to Tryout (checklist):

- Registration Form and \$100.00 non-refundable Tryout Fee _____
- Copy of Birth Certificate _____
- Medical Information and Proof of Insurance _____
- Report to 1st Tryout a minimum of 1 Hour Early for Registration

Important:

- A parent **MUST** be present at the Final tryout to sign the Player Contract and Pay the non-refundable deposit of \$500.00
- Understand that player cuts may be made after the 2nd Tryout
- Understand that although unlikely, additional Tryout dates may be added

Parents,

Thank you for giving the Valley Forge Minutemen Organization the opportunity to work with your child. If you have any questions prior to tryouts please contact the Hockey Office at (610) 650-9690 ext. 12.

I sincerely hope that your child's tryout experience will be positive. Tryouts are not an easy time for players, parents and coaches. Please understand that it is our organizations intent to treat all families and individuals with respect. We will have to make many difficult decisions in the team selection process. Our decisions will be made with the best interest of the young players and their development as athletes in mind.

We wish all players a great tryout!

All the best,

Wally Muehlbronner
Director of Hockey