



State Wars 2010

Team Michigan Try-Outs

May 7th at JCC in West Bloomfield
May 8th at Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Shelby Twp.
(block schedule by age group for tryouts available soon)

Event will be held in Darien, Illinois August 4th - 15th
(See Block Schedule below)

To all players, coaches, and parents,

We are very excited to announce some great new info for our 2010 season leading up to the big showdown...State Wars VI.

REGISTRATION is now OPEN for all tryouts! Make sure you click on the link below and register for Team Michigan State Wars 2010 or go to www.statewarshockey.com.

<http://statewarsrollerhockey.pointstreaksites.com/view/statewars/select-state-province/michigan>

Please read everything below as this newsletter contains some very important information. Check out the 2010 Block Schedule, some awesome tryout information, and some frequently asked question about our rules. If you have any specific questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact our office (516.377.5957).

NO RISK State Tryouts in 2010

Each year it is our goal to get newer players at State tryouts and to make each State team the best it can be. If a player attends their State tryout, shows up to both hours of their tryout, and is not selected for one of the State teams offered...then that player's **FULL TRYOUT FEE will be REFUNDED**. Yes, so basically if you come to tryout and don't make your State team this year, you will get 2 hours of rink time and a State Wars practice jersey just for making the effort. (applies to tryouts in the United States)

New Detailed Tryout Registration Online

State Wars Hockey is doing their part in 2010 to help the environment and at the same time making the registration process more seamless. This year when you register for State tryouts online, you will be asked more detailed questions like : height, weight, pants size, jersey size and jersey #, etc.. By supplying all of this information ahead of time, parents will no longer have to spend time filling out forms at the parent/player meetings after tryouts. Now if your child is selected for their State team, we will already have all of their information on file, making the process easier on everyone especially mother nature. Please make sure you take your time and fill out the tryout registration form carefully online.

What's the Difference Between AAA/AA and A ?

This year when you register for State tryouts you will have two options

- AAA/AA or A : this means you are attending tryouts hoping to make whichever team the evaluators feel you are best suited for. AAA/AA is the higher of the two skill levels
- AAA/AA only : this means you are attending tryouts only looking to be selected for the AAA/AA team. If two teams are selected, you do not want to be considered for the "A" team.

Our goal is to field a AAA/AA and "A" level team in each State. If only one team is fielded, our evaluators will determine which skill level this team will play at.

Please tell ALL players about tryouts, there is no reason why each state can't field two teams in each birth year division!

How Many Players Are Selected Per Team ?

Only the top 8 skaters will be selected for each state team at tryouts. Our evaluators will not just choose any player at tryouts however, each player **MUST** make the team on their own merit. If the state evaluators feel that based on the tryout talent, the selected team will be better off with less than 8 skaters, they may make that decision.

To all of you GOALIES out there....

In both Divisions 1 or 2 goalies may be selected at State tryouts. **If one goalie is head and shoulders above the others, then only one will be selected.** If the two top goalies at State tryouts are equal or close to equal, then both may be selected.

If two goalies are selected for one team than the price will be discounted for each of them!

BIG NEWS!!! Instead of normal player hockey pants, Valken Hockey has agreed to design custom State Wars Hockey goalie shells for each netminder at State Wars VI.

What Are The "Reserve" Spots In The "AAA/AA" Division ?

As stated above, only 8 skaters will be selected at the State tryouts for the "AAA/AA" Division. However, there are 2 "reserve" spots that are available to be possibly filled by the team if necessary. If a player who is considered "extremely talented or one of the best in the State" can't attend the State tryout due to good reason (injury or some documented reason given to the State Wars office), he/she may have a chance to be added to the State team in one of these "reserve" spots. Here are the necessary steps in order for this to take place:

- Player must be registered online for State tryout
- Player/Parent must notify State Wars Hockey office prior to tryouts of their child's inability to attend the State tryout
- After State tryouts are complete and team head coach is assigned, the head coach and/or state director must contact the State Wars Hockey office and recommend that such player be added to the State team using one of the "reserve" spots
- National Directors must feel that adding this player will only help the State team and give that team a better chance to succeed at State Wars
- Final approval given by State Wars Hockey National office
- Player will officially be considered part of the team once full payment and all proper paperwork/documents are received by State Wars Hockey National office

This rule was added to ensure that ALL State teams will have the ability to field the best team with as many of their best players as possible. This action will **ONLY** take place when a player can be added to the team that will definitely **IMPROVE** the team in question. This rule will generally apply to players with serious injuries at the time of State tryouts.

May A Player Play On More Than One Team At State Wars ?

A player may ONLY attend the State tryout for his/her birth year division (female players receive one extra year of eligibility). If there is no State tryout for a players birth year division, that player may tryout for the next older age group that there is a tryout for.

At the conclusion of State tryouts, if a team can not fill a full roster from State tryouts, then and only then may a younger player play on that team in addition to their own.

- Example: A player born in 1996 makes his state's select 1996 team. At the conclusion of tryouts, the Select 1995 team only has 7 skaters. At the coaches/state directors request and at the approval of the State Wars Hockey National office, the top player from the 1996 team may play on the 1995 team in addition to their own (not in replace of!). This is possible with goaltenders as well.

However, all players MUST play within the same skill level as the team they are already playing for.

- Following the example used above, if that 1996 born player is playing on a Select 1996 AAA/AA team, he may NOT play in the Select 1995 A Division. He can ONLY play in AAA/AA Division, even if it is up one year. (this rule will not apply to goalies if a team needs one)

The exception to all rules are goaltenders. We are aware that some states may have trouble finding a goalie for every single birth year. Goalies are allowed to play on multiple teams, they may even play on the AAA/AA and A team in the same birth year if absolutely necessary.

State Wars VI: Block Schedule

(teams must be ready to play at 6am on first day of block)

2003 & Under-	Aug 13-15
Select 2002-	Aug 13-15
Select 2001 -	Aug 13-15
Select 2000 -	Aug 4-7
Select 1999 -	Aug 7-10
Select 1998 -	Aug 1-4
Select 1997 -	Aug 8-11
Select 1996 -	Aug 9-12
Select 1995 -	Aug 11-14
Select 1994 -	Aug 4-7
Select 1993 -	Aug 4-7
Select 1992 -	Aug 6-9
Select Junior -	Aug 9-12
Select Girl's -	Aug 12-14
Select Women's -	Aug 13-15
Select Senior -	Aug 12-15
Select Masters -	Aug 13-15