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Hello West Northumberland families,

The yearly WNGHA tryouts have been posted and we have received some concerns regarding the condensed time frame. I thought I would take a minute to explain.

First, the start date, this season we will be holding spring tryouts for nine teams in total and as you can imagine, that takes a lot of ice, with each team getting a minimum of three tryout skates. April 17 is the date mandated by the OWHA as the earliest centres can date permission to skate forms, this effectively prohibits any tryouts starting before this date since any new players would be unable to attend.

Second, the condensed schedule, this is due primarily to ice availability challenges in our general area. Cobourg has been lucky enough to be hosting the RBC cup this season, this means there will be no ice availability at the CCC from May 10-21 also the Cobourg home show means no ice in the Bowl from April 26 to approximately May 5th or 6th.

Finally, the Northumberland Nighthawks also hold spring tryouts and would be in the same position as WNGHA when it comes to ice needs.

Our ice scheduler has been in contact with all the rinks in our area, in an effort to secure ice, unfortunately without success. I hope everyone understands these circumstances are mostly out of our control, and we will do our best to accommodate tryout exemption requests which may be necessitated by this year's tryout schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this year's tryouts, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for patience,

Ron Samis  
President  
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