



2009-2010 Try-Out Information Package

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AIHL Pacific Division General Try-out Information

The Pacific North Division will be playing the 2009-2010 season in the American Inline Hockey League (AIHL) for the second season.

The AIHL Pacific North will officially begin candidate review and selection on August 22nd, 2009. The AIHL has agreed to close their selection process by January 31, 2010. From August 21- October 1, 2009, each team may run practice sessions/camps. At the conclusion of the camps, final roster cuts and "waiver trades" must be completed. The season officially opens October 1, 2009. The regular season will run from October through mid-April. League playoffs will take place April 16-18, 2010 and April 23-25, 2010. Championships will take place May 28-31, 2010 at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

AIHL Pacific North Teams 2000-2010:

East Bay Jawz – Bladium of Alameda

Northern California Mustangs – Silver Creek Sportsplex of San Jose

San Jose Pirates – Silver Creek Sportsplex of San Jose

NorCal Riot – Silver Creek Sportsplex of San Jose

AIHL Pacific North Expansion Teams 2009-2010:

Ripon Savage – Ripon Power Play Sports Arena

Each team has the rights to build and manage rosters for a **Major and Minor team**. Northern California has a large inline hockey talent pool to select from and each 2-team organization may carry a **combined roster of up to 36 players (18 Major/18 Minor)** regardless of the player's city of residence. For instance, one does not have to live in Alameda to be drafted to play for the East Bay Jawz. The player must simply be able to meet and commit to player obligations set forth by the team.

To facilitate this process, each team will host a **TEAM-SPECIFIC try-out session**. (There will not be multiple date/location sessions scouted by all teams and no combined draft. If you are interested in playing for a specific team, it is in your best interest to attend the team's try-out session.)

To be eligible for the **minor team**, you must be 16 years of age by Oct. 1, 2009. There is no upper age limit.

To be eligible for the **major team**, you must be 18 years of age by Oct. 1, 2009. There is no upper age limit.

Northern California Mustangs Contact Information

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TRY-OUT SESSION SCHEDULE

NC Mustangs Sunday, August 30 12:00 – 4:00pm

We will meet from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in the SCS event room to go over paperwork and discuss responsibilities of players. Tryouts will be held from 2:00pm - 4:00pm on Rink 1.

TRY-OUT SESSION FEES

New players/candidates:
- Try-out fee is \$50.00

Returning player/candidates
- Try-out fee is \$25.00

Player/Candidate Try-Out Obligations

1. It is highly recommended (and will be appreciated!) if candidates PRE-REGISTER for the try-out session. This can be done by:

- **VISITING OUR WEBSITE** at www.ncmustangs.net and follow the link to Print a Try-Out Package. Email payments@ncmustangs.net for a PayPal Invoice as PayPal will be the **ONLY** accepted form of payment. (You will need to mail or fax the completed and signed Application and Minor Consent form [if applicable] to the mailing address provided below.

- **MAILING** a completed and signed Application, Minor Consent form (if applicable), to:

Northern California Mustangs
c/o Coach Mario Sousa
8841 Morey Way
Gilroy, CA 95020

- **FAXING** a completed and signed Application and Minor Consent form (if applicable) to **(408) 516-8172**.

Once we receive your online registration/mailed signed forms and payment, we will confirm the receipt via telephone or e-mail.

Day of try-out registration is available. If you choose this option, please arrive 60 MINUTES EARLY in order to complete and sign your Application and Minor Consent form (if applicable), provide both payment for the try-out and show proof of ID.

Please make sure you complete your try-out application in its entirety. Blanks fields may result in an inability to place a candidate. Please ensure your application is LEGIBLE.

2. If you are pre-registered, please plan to arrive AT LEAST 30 MINUTES EARLY so you can check in, receive necessary instructions, and dress for the try-out.

3. Candidates UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE will require a Minor Consent form (included in this packet). This MUST be signed by a parent/guardian. Without it, you will NOT be allowed on the rink.

4. ALL candidates will be required to show ID for proof of age. (Acceptable: VALID state driver's license, state-issued ID card, etc.)

5. Candidates will be required to wear APPROPRIATE gear to avoid damage to the rink facility or injury to themselves/others including:

- inline hockey skates (no rec skates or outdoor wheels)
- HECC-approved helmet

- a FULL CAGE for candidates UNDER 18 years of age

All pads/protective gear (knee and shin/elbow/shoulder) must be covered and cannot come in direct contact with the rink floor.

6. Candidates must bring one numbered white/light-colored and one numbered black/dark-colored jersey.

7. Candidates are required to participate for the duration of the try-out session.

If you are unable to complete or do not understand any portion of the try-out application, please contact us at info@ncmustangs.net.

Player/Candidate Obligations Upon Selection

- Candidates will be selected/placed under waiver by October 1, 2009.

- Selected candidates are required to attend a post-selection team meeting to:

- a. Provide first installment of player dues
- b. Sign team/player contract
- c. Receive his copy of the Team Handbook and AIHL Rules document
- d. Sign Media Release form (use of player names, pictures, quotes, etc.)
- e. Sign/acknowledge PAC Division Mission Statement
- f. Sign Minor Consent forms (for those under 18)
- g. Pose for individual photos/headshots
- h. Obtain player bios
- i. Be fitted for team uniform (spelling of name verified, jersey and pants sizes determined, and numbers chosen)

For players under 18, each above document MUST be co-signed by a parent/guardian!

- At this team meeting, additional information will be provided, including:

- a. What it means to be under waivers
- b. What the camp/practice schedule is
- c. What team involvement/roles are available
- d. What fundraising programs are available

2009-2010 FEE SCHEDULE

September 15, 2009: \$250

October 15, 2009: \$200 (deadline for any sponsors to go in the programs)

November 15, 2009: \$200

(Our organization will have to raise \$6,000 in franchise/operational expenses through fundraisers, so we can help keep the cost per player down!)

The above outlines the monetary commitment of a player upon selection to a team. The fees have been broken down into monthly payments, which may be paid in advance of the scheduled due date. However, late or missed payments will result in voiding the team/player contract, resulting in suspension from play and surrender of uniform. Each player is responsible for making these payments in full.

Fees cover: Jerseys, pants, regular season game rink time, practice rink time, AIHL league fees, team non-profit status fees, player insurance through AAU.

Fees do not cover: gear items (helmets, gloves, etc.), non-uniform gear, and travel.

We plan to launch the season with a modest budget in order to avoid over-committing resources. However, with the work of team members obtaining sponsorships and exercising the promotional and marketing programs, it is possible that our budget will increase and allow more coverage for perks.

Gear sponsorships may not reduce player dues or increase team budgets, but could provide individual players with discounts on gear not normally available (i.e., reduced prices on wheels, bearings, gloves, sticks, etc.).

As things (i.e., new opportunities for sponsorship/partnership) develop, your General Manager will update you.

Marketing/Promotional Programs: All players will be provided the opportunity to participate in a number of organizationally run marketing and promotional programs specifically designed to raise funds to pay the operational costs of each team and offset the dues paid by players. Each player has the opportunity to play for free if he takes advantage of the programs available. Team sponsorships will be divided evenly among current/active participants. Individual sponsorships will be distributed to players as identified by the donor.

Please note: All sponsorship contributions must be made to the Northern California Mustangs in order to provide the donor a tax-deductible contribution for the calendar year. It is not advised that the players/teams accept direct cash or check donations from donors unless the donor acknowledges it as a personal monetary gift with no tax benefit.

2009-2010 WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT – Estimation

Camps/Preseason

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Weekly Practice: | 0-2 hrs |
| Promotion/Community Program: | 1-2 hrs |

Regular Season

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Practice Hours: | 2-3 hrs |
| Weekly Travel Hours: | based on schedule |
| Weekly Game Hours: | 4-8 hrs |
| Promotion/Community Program: | 1-2 hrs |

We will be setting up fundraisers for our franchise fees. Players will be required to be involved in fundraising activities. We also may be scheduling a trip to Southern California for a weekend (more details to be announced).

AIHL Pacific Division Mission Statement

The AIHL Pacific Division's goal is to establish a network of elite inline hockey organizations that have made:

- *A commitment to hockey.* AIHL Pacific is committed to providing the highest level of skill and competition available for inline hockey fans. We strive to build a core of talent right from our own backyard. Our players and staff also want to extend this commitment to high-skilled, high-action hockey to future AIHL players. We do so by developing and participating in programs that foster and motivate youth interest, participation, and competition in the sport. We understand that reaching out to area youth insures a successful and exciting future for inline hockey and inline hockey fans.

- *A commitment to family.* AIHL Pacific players and staff understand the importance family plays in the sport of hockey. Indeed, it takes the commitment of not just the athlete, but many great people to help develop a player, build and coach a unified team, and pull together all the elements that deliver the event that is AIHL hockey. In face, we think of our players, their families, our staff, inline hockey fans, and all their generous sponsors as our hockey family—and the bigger, the better! Because we understand this, we strive to provide a family-centric program. We hold ourselves to this high standard out of respect for all those families who have made this possible.

- *A commitment to community.* Similarly, the residents and businesses of our cities and counties continue to contribute to the growth and recognition of our sport. The AIHL players and staff make it a priority to say "thank you" for that support—and to give back to our community. We feel our significance as an organization is not measured only by our stats and standings, but by the impact we make in our communities.

- *A commitment to professionalism.* The AIHL Pacific, though young as an organization, has the benefit of leveraging resources with long histories of excellence in their relative fields of interest and expertise. All those involved with any of the AIHL Pacific franchises, both off and on the rink, are committed to providing excellence in the areas of skill and positive performance, positive and constructive attitude, focus on community and family, and moral and ethical behavior.

- *A commitment to fun.* The AIHL Pacific players and staff love hockey and enjoy promoting the organization and inline hockey. We want to share our love of the game by providing our fans an opportunity with a fun and exciting experience at each of our events. We look to offer a high level of competition, a professional presentation, the opportunity for involvement, and special children's programs.

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AIHL Northern California Mustangs Tryout Application – Part 1

MINIMUM AGE FOR MINOR-LEVEL TEAM

MINIMUM AGE FOR MAJOR-LEVEL TEAM

Age 16 by 11/01/08

Age 18 by 11/01/08

First

Middle

Last

Date Of Birth

Street

City

State

Postal

Day Time Phone

Evening Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail

Y N Fulltime / Part time

Employed

Employer

Work Phone

Y N Fulltime / Part time

Year Graduated

Student

School

General Ed AA Major

Area of Study? _____

Y N

Licensed Driver

Drivers License Number

Restrictions / Limitations

Brief Hockey Experience

Hobbies / Interests

Form of Picture ID provided

ID Number

WHITE #

BLACK #

AIHL Pacific Division Northern California Mustangs – Minor Consent

Consent to Participate

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | |
| Candidate Name | Date of Birth | |
| | | |
| Parent / Guardian Name | Relationship | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Phone (Home) | Phone (Work) | Phone (Cell) |

I confirm that I have reviewed the content of the try-out package and consent to allow the minor candidate (noted above) for whom I am legally responsible – authorization to participate in the activities as indicated.

Additionally I, _____ being parent/guardian of the above named minor hereby give permission for the Team Manager to give the immediately necessary authority on my behalf for any medical treatment recommended by competent medical authorities, where it would be contrary to my son/daughter's interest, in the doctor's medical opinion, for any delay to be incurred by seeking my personal consent.

Signature & Date (Candidate)

Signature & Date (Parent / Guardian)

Acknowledge Fee & Time Obligations – Upon Selection

Should the above named minor be selected to participate in any of the AIHL Pacific Division organizations – I undertake to pay the required sums by the dates specified in the information and accept that in respect of any withdrawal from the team, for whatever reason, there can be no refund of the whole or part of the payments.

I also understand the time commitment such participation necessitates – and find there to be no restriction in our ability to maintain such schedule.

Signature & Date (Candidate)

Signature & Date (Parent / Guardian)

Try-Out Checklist

- _____ Complete and sign pages of the Try-Out Application
- _____ Complete, sign, and obtain parent/guardian's signature on Minor Consent Form (if applicant is under 18 years of age)
- _____ Make sure you have paid the try-out fees via PayPal on the Mustangs website or provide check payable to the Northern California Mustangs (\$50 for players new to the Mustangs, \$25 players returning to the Mustangs)
- _____ Ensure you have mailed, e-mailed, or faxed application and consent form to the Mustangs using the information provided on Page 4.
- _____ If pre-registered, arrive at least 30 minutes early. If not pre-registered, arrive at least 60 minutes early.
- _____ Prepare your equipment and jerseys in accordance to rules set out on Page 5.
- _____ Remember your ID
- _____ Upon arrival: CHECK IN before entering the rink!