



U13 Elite Tryout Flow

The following outlines the Elite hockey tryout process for all U13 Sturgeon Sting eligible players. We hope this ensures a clear and consistent approach for all age categories and residency statuses.

1. Starting Level Options

- a. 2013 and 2014 players may start tryouts with the U13 AAA Fort Saskatchewan Rangers program **OR** with the U13 AA Sturgeon Sting.
- b. Non-resident players must seek a release from their AA resident boundary association and submitted to Hockey Alberta prior to July 1 of the current year. If granted, you will be given the opportunity to try out for the U13 AA Sturgeon Sting. If a release is not granted, you must tryout in your AA resident recruitment area.

2. Tryout Fees

A \$200 tryout fee applies if you choose to start at the AA level with the Sturgeon Sting. All Sturgeon Sting tryout fees are non-refundable.

3. U13 Player Process

a. AAA Stream

- i. Begin trying out with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U13 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends, and the Rangers U13 AAA head coach will contact you with your next practice time.

Unsuccessful-

Option #1- You will be provided with an Elite Waiver from Fort Saskatchewan, and the Player has seven (7) days to contact and arrange a tryout with a second U13 AAA team (Players that cannot, or choose not to, arrange a second tryout within seven (7) days of being cut must return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club.

Option #2- The Player can access tryouts with the Sturgeon Sting U13 AA program.



Option #3- The Player can return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and be placed into the tiered tryout pool for the SHC Mustangs (if tiered evaluations are still ongoing). If SHC Mustangs evaluations have completed, you will be placed on a SHC team based on past evaluations and club knowledge to play tiered hockey for the season (if not on the SHC waitlist).

AA Stream

- i. Begin trying out with the Sturgeon Sting U13 AA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends. The Sting U13 AA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **Unsuccessful-**

Option #1- You can arrange 1 additional U13 AA tryout with an association who has declared the need for AA players. You must contact the Hockey Alberta AA League Governor (contact information found at: aehl.ca) to arrange the second tryout.

Option #2- If you are released and/or choose **not** to seek a second AA tryout, you will be placed into the tiered tryout pool for the SHC Mustangs (if tiered evaluations are still ongoing). If SHC Mustangs evaluations have completed, you will be placed on a SHC team based on past evaluations and club knowledge to play tiered hockey for the season (if not on the SHC waitlist).

4. Non-Resident Player Process

If outside AA draw zone and unsuccessful, return to home association.

Note: The Sturgeon Sting organization is committed to fair evaluations, transparent communication, and providing all players with the best opportunity to compete at the appropriate level.