



# U18 Elite Tryout Flow

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The following outlines the Elite hockey tryout process for all U18 Sturgeon Sting eligible players. We hope this ensures a clear and consistent approach for all age categories and residency statuses.

## 1. Starting Level Options

1. 2008 players may start tryouts with the U18 AAA Fort Saskatchewan Rangers program **OR** with the U18 AA Sturgeon Sting program.
2. 2009 players may start tryouts with the U18AAA and/or U17AAA Rangers program in Fort Saskatchewan **OR** with the U18 AA Sturgeon Sting program.
3. 2010 players may start tryouts with the U18AAA, U17AAA and/or U16AA Rangers in Fort Saskatchewan or with the U18 AA Sturgeon Sting program.
4. 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 U18 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. U18 Player Process

### a. 2008 Players AAA Stream

- i. Begin trying out with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U18 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends, and the Rangers U18 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 U18 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 U18 AA program.

*Option #3-* The Player can return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

### **2008 Players AA Stream**

- i. Begin trying out with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends. The Sting U18 AA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **Unsuccessful-**

*Option #1-* You can arrange 1 additional U18 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](http://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).

### **b. 2009 Players U18 AAA Stream**

- i. Begin tryouts with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U18 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** The process ends, and the Rangers U18 AAA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **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 U18 AAA team (Players that



cannot, or choose not to, arrange a second tryout within seven (7) days of being cut must consider the options below.

*Option #2-* You can attend the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U17 AAA tryouts.

*Option #3-* The Player can access tryouts with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.

*Option #4-* The Player can return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

### **2009 Players U17 AAA Stream**

- i. Begin tryouts with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U17 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** The process ends, and the Rangers U17 AAA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **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 U17 AAA team (Players that cannot, or choose not to, arrange a second tryout within seven (7) days of being cut must consider the options below.

*Option #2-* The Player can access tryouts with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.

*Option #3-* The Player can return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

### **2009 Players AA Stream**



- i. Begin trying out with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends. The Sting U18 AA coach will contact you with your next practice time.

iii. **Unsuccessful-**

*Option #1-* You can arrange 1 additional U18 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](http://aehl.ca)) to arrange the second tryout. If you are released from the second AA tryout, you must report back to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

*Option #2-* Players can choose to forego a second tryout elsewhere and 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).

**c. 2010 Players U18 AAA Stream**

- i. Begin tryouts with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U18 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends, and the Rangers U18 AAA coach will contact you with your next practice time.

iii. **Unsuccessful-**

*Option #1-* You can attend the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U17 AAA tryouts.

*Option #2-* You may choose to attend the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA tryouts.

*Option #3-* You may choose to attend the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U16 AA tryouts.



*Option #4-* You may choose not to attend any other elite hockey tryouts and 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).

### **2010 Players U17 AAA Stream**

- i. Begin tryouts with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U17 AAA program.
- ii. **Successful-** The process ends, and the Rangers U17 AAA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **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 U17 AAA team (Players that cannot, or choose not to, arrange a second tryout within seven (7) days of being cut must consider the options below.

*Option #2-* The Player can access tryouts with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.

*Option #3-* You can attend the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U16 AA tryouts.

*Option #4-* The Player can return to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

### **2010 Players AA Stream**

- i. Begin trying out with the Sturgeon Sting U18 AA program.
- ii. **Successful-** If you are successful, the process ends. The Sting U18 AA coach will contact you with your next practice time.
- iii. **Unsuccessful-**



*Option #1-* You can attend the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U16 AA tryouts. If you are released from the U16 AA tryout, you must report back to the Sturgeon Hockey Club and 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).

*Option #2-* You can forego the tryout with the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers U16 AA program and 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.*