

# EASTMAN SOUTH BLIZZARD



## TRYOUT INVITATION

Hello Everyone,

September is here and so is the upcoming hockey season. Plans and preparations are under way for this year's AA Bantam Blizzard Program. As most of you know, Eastman has changed the format of the bantam AA teams due to the addition of the Eastman Bantam AAA minor team. As a result, we are now called Eastman South and it's been decided amongst the associations to call them the Blizzard. This includes kids from the La Broquerie, Steinbach, Mitchell, Grunthal, Rat River, and Southern Steelers associations. At this point the associations are working on getting coaches and a notice has been posted on the Eastman website. If you know of candidates please forward them to your association president to be reviewed. The association presidents are committed to working together to get this team started and are scheduling the tryout process. The team will likely practice one night a week in Steinbach and one night in St. Pierre. These details will be confirmed in the future. Games will be played across most of the different communities that are represented.

Tryouts are available to any Bantam age player and will begin in the third week of September. Tryouts will be on September 17th (8:45 in Steinbach) and on September 20th (7:45 in St. Malo), and then two exhibition games on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Steinbach. Coaches will likely be making some cuts at this point (we will leave this part up to the successful candidates). The remaining players will have two more practices the following week and then play in a mini tournament in Morris on the 30<sup>th</sup>. More details and confirmation will be determined closer to the date. Evaluators and coaches will be present to watch and evaluate every player to decide who should be on the 2018-2019 Eastman South Blizzard.

**The fees for the tryouts will be \$100 per player.** Fees are due prior to the start of the first skate on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Should your child be selected to be part of the team, the following is the anticipated cost. A detailed budget will put together by the new team coaches, manger, and treasurer.

- Registration Fee: \$1100 (3 installments throughout the year)
- Raise a minimum of \$500 worth of team sponsorship (a team sponsor request letter will be provided to help with approaching businesses)
- Participation in 2 mandatory fundraisers throughout the year. Participation in fundraising is essential and vital to the sustainability of the program.

To register for Blizzard tryouts please email the following information to Rick Penner at [rick.penner@penn-co.com](mailto:rick.penner@penn-co.com)

**Name:**

**Birthdate:**

**Position:**

**Last Year's Team:**

Thanks

Eastman South AA Blizzard Organization Committee