



Milton Minor Hockey Association – 2022-23 Rep Tryout Process Overview

Our Mission

To bring to the community of Milton a quality hockey experience that positively impacts the lives of the participants and especially serves to deliver outstanding value to the children, parents/guardians, families and the community of Milton.

Our Vision

To be Ontario's best Hockey Association. For us, being the 'best' means developing our players at both the House League and Representative levels, through providing value and quality engagements that really make a difference in the participants and families lives and encourage and promote participation through fair play:

- Leading through player development at all levels
- Making quality, integrity and excellence the hallmarks of the Association and its members
- Attracting developing and motivating the best people to serve as volunteers.
- Continually growing and improving our Association to reflect the community of Milton.
- Uphold the philosophical ideals and the rules and regulations set out by the MMHA Constitution, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and Hockey Canada (HC)

Our Values

Quality We are committed to excellence - in the results we achieve and in how we achieve them.

Integrity We do what is right for the children, our families, spectators, volunteers, officials, community, and ourselves as members.

Respect for People We promote a diverse culture and an environment of inclusion and mutual respect for the children, our family's, spectators, volunteers, officials, community, and ourselves as members.

Leadership We value people at every level who lead by example, take pride in what they do, and inspire others.

Collaboration We value teamwork – working together to achieve common goals is the foundation of our success.

The MMHA and all participants, parents and guardians do agree to represent and promote the Values of the organization as the foundation for fair play, truth and what's beneficial to the children in our organization.

Our Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- To promote, encourage, govern, organize, coordinate and develop MMHA hockey programs for all ages up.
- To protect and serve the mutual interests of **ALL** MMHA members
- To encourage a strong sense of community pride and participation in the MMHA
- To carry out fair competition and strive to achieve the highest level of success, where appropriate

Our Goals

The Goals of the Association are as follows:

To encourage and promote certain ideals in all participants: to play fairly under all circumstances and all conditions to give opponents a fair chance and not take unfair advantage of any opponent to win modestly and receive defeat with a smile to give credit to the team that wins not to question or dispute the referee's decision.

- No child is left behind.
- No one person is valued more than the other.
- The Executive and the Board of Directors acts on behalf of the membership and shall remain objective and unbiased.



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Guiding Principles:

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills
- To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude.
- To form competitive well-balanced teams of players who respect their peers, their Coaches and competition, and compete to win whilst not compromising the spirit of the game.

Objective(s):

- To effectively evaluate and select players to the MMHA MD/Rep Hockey program

2022-23 MD/Rep Tryout key information (Does not apply to Initiation Program):

- This Policy may be amended by the MMHA from time to time. Any changes will be posted to the MMHA website.
- Players/Goalies must be registered and in good standing, and the tryout fee's must be paid prior to tryouts starting.
- Any Player who declines a selection shall be mandated to play house league for that season. Exceptions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the VP Rep.
- If a parent/player wishes to skip tryouts per "One Level Above" rule, then the parent(s)/player must request a release from the Head Coach of the team prior to the first tryout session. If the Head Coach grants the release, then the player will be allowed to that season's tryout. If the coach does not grant the release and at the conclusion of tryouts the coach wishes to sign the player and the player/parent(s) decline, then the player will be mandated to play house league for that season.
- A development provider will be conducting all on-ice skills and drills.
- Full equipment is mandatory, players will be assigned a numbered pinnie upon check-in.
- Players will be given a unique identification # upon check-in.
- Players must tryout 1 (one) level above the level they wish to play.
- Players are only permitted to tryout 2 (two) levels above the level played in 2021-22 season unless an invitation has been provided directly by the coach and approved by the VP of Rep.
- Goalies are only permitted to tryout 1 (one) level above the level played in 2021-22 season unless an invitation has been provided directly by the coach and approved by the VP of Rep.

Example: In the 2021-22 Season a player played for an MD team, this player would be permitted to tryout for the A team in 2022-23. (Note: should there not be an BB team, this player would be permitted to tryout for the AA team)

- Players/Goalies will be notified of their tryout status, with-in 6 hours after each tryout session, via the MMHA website, parents will use the players Unique ID # to identify their child.
- For any tryout starting after 6:30pm Players/Goalies will be notified of their tryout status, via the MMHA website by 10:30am the following morning. Parents will use the player's Unique ID# to identify their child.
- Final Player selections will be communicated via the MMHA website.
- Upon the completion of the final evaluation session, each remaining candidate will either be offered a roster spot on the team or asked to begin the tryout at the next level.
- Player Selection criteria are specific to age and level and shall be evaluated using drills that aim to allow players to demonstrate specific skills, tactics, behaviors, overall hockey knowledge and intellect.
- Off-ice evaluators will be responsible to evaluate the players on the ice during the time allotted. Evaluators generally include: the Head Coach, evaluators of the Head Coach's & VP of Reps choosing, and independent evaluators assigned by MMHA.
- Off-Ice evaluators can not have a child that plays in the same age group that they have been asked to evaluate. (e.g., 2004 A coach cannot be an evaluator for 2004 AA team)
- The Head Coach has final decision as to the players that will be offered roster spots.
- All Final Rosters will be vetted by the VP of Rep.
- Players may be offered roster spots after each tryout, but not before the first tryout at each level.

In the event a player is injured and unable to participate in the tryout process, the VP Rep shall retain discretion to make decisions in extenuating circumstances or in situations where it is felt that the policy, above, is being exploited to unfairly advantage or disadvantage a player or player(s). Such decisions shall be made in consultation with the player's current coach, if any, and shall be approved at the executive level before being implemented.