Welcome to MMHA's 2023-24 On-line Registration

Milton Minor Hockey Association uses the Hockey Canada (Spordle) platform for registration. All information requested through the registration process is deemed necessary by Hockey Canada.

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION THOROUGHLY. All players will register in House League (regardless of intentions to attend rep tryouts) for their division based on year of birth.

NOTE: Hockey Canada uses the "U" (age) system. For example, a U9 child would be Under 9, or 8 years old in the registration calendar year.

NEW: U10 and above Registration opens **March 22nd** and closes **August 15th** or earlier if spaces fill. Early bird pricing ends May 31st.

Tryout Package U10-18 (for levels higher than Houseleague-AA, A, and BB levels) **opens March 22nd and closes April 15th.** Tryouts for our AA, A and BB teams will be held in May. A \$40 late fee will be charged for ALL tryout registrations processed after April 15th.

NEW: OMHA has determined that U14-U18 BB divisions will be considered non-contact as of this coming season, consistent with other associations in the OHF. U14-U18 players looking to tryout at the AA or A level, or those interested in being an AP at a higher level, must complete the introductory body contact clinic at tryouts. All age groups/levels below U14 and all houseleague/select programs remains Non-Contact.

NEW: U9 and below Registration opens from May 15th until spaces fill, or September 30th, whichever comes first. Early bird pricing ends July 31st. Please refer to our program info tab on our website for the most up to date info on the U9 and below programs.

Registration is not considered complete or confirmed until full payment has been received and the **one-time**<u>Parent Respect in Sport</u> Online course has been completed (Free until April 30th, after which the cost is approximately \$14). New players will also be required to submit proof of age and residency prior to registration being confirmed. Please upload these documents to your Registration Account (Spordle) during the registration process.

Parents/guardians registering their players are required to read through this material prior to registering. By registering for the season, the family acknowledges their understanding of, and agreement with all the following:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- <u>Passwords and Logins:</u> MMHA do not have access to passwords or log in info. Please request from the registration site if you can't access your account.
- Registration is limited to a certain number of teams, predetermined by available ice. All registrations are treated on a first come, first served basis. Divisions may fill prior to the end of the Early Bird. Once a division is full, you will be prompted to add your player to our wait list.
- <u>Early Bird Registration Fee</u> MMHA offers a discount to players who register and pay their registration fees in full by predetermined dates (for U10-21, Early Bird Registration pricing ends May 31st. For U9 and below, Early Bird Registration pricing ends July 31st) Please note: Spaces fill up quickly, and divisions may fill prior to the end of the Early Bird. Please refer to the fee structure below.
- Returning players can register online via our homepage, using Visa Debit, Visa, or MasterCard until the close of registration, or until the division is full, whichever comes first. Please take the time to

verify/update contact information on your player's Hockey Canada profile. Please note cut off dates to register for Early bird and for tryouts.

- New players can register online. We are obligated to verify age and residency. Your registration will not
 be confirmed until required documentation is uploaded to your registration account, and the mandatory
 Respect in Sport Parent online course is complete and on file.
- Respect in Sport Parent Program: The OMHA mandates that one parent/guardian of every player
 complete the ONE TIME ONLY Respect in Sport Parent Program. Due to OMHA regulations, players will
 not be allowed on the ice for any MMHA event until this course has been completed. There is a separate
 charge for this course, paid to the Respect Group, which manages the online program.
- New to Milton? Please note that if your child has previously played for another Centre, you will be unable to register with MMHA until an Association Transfer has been completed through the OMHA. To initiate a transfer, please forward your child's name, address, and date of birth to transfers@miltonwinterhawks.com.
- Special Requests: The MMHA does not accept special requests to play for coaches or with friends. Our focus is team balancing, in our attempt to ensure every player in the association has a fair and equitable season.
- <u>Sibling Discount:</u> 3rd & Subsequent Family Member Flat Early Bird Registration and Registration Fee: Milton Minor Hockey offers a third and subsequent family member flat Early Bird registration fee of \$305.00 to the third and subsequent player(s) registered. If a third family member registers after the Early Bird Deadline, their registration fee is \$405.00. This fee is applied to the youngest family member only. Please send refund request including players names to info@miltonwinterhawks.com once all three or more of your players have been registered. We will manually refund your discount to your credit card.
- Refund Policy: Please refer to this season's Refund Policy posted on our website under the Program Info
 tab.
- Ongoing Health and Safety Precautions:
 - Pinnies: The MMHA is following best practice precautionary measures for player safety relating to COVID-19 and other communicable illnesses for try outs. Each player participating in try outs will be provided with a numbered pinnie to keep. They will be responsible to bring their pinnie to each tryout sessions they participate in. Please note that if a player does not bring their pinnie with them to a try out, they will not be permitted to participate in the try out and this may result in the player not being selected for a Representative team.
 The cost of the pinnie is included in the try out fees.
 - <u>Facility Protocols:</u> All players and spectators are required to follow any and all facility protocols
 with respect to masking, distancing, vaccine passports and other, as applicable. Please refer to
 signage at arenas and Town of Milton website.
- <u>AAA Permission to Skate:</u> Players trying out for AAA must be registered with Milton and have a Permission to Skate form to participate.
 - Did you play outside of Milton with an AAA team last year? Please select the "AAA Player package" when registering and request a permission to skate form from our website (tryout tab).
 - Did you play with Milton last year and are trying out for AAA? Register and pay as normal, including a tryout package, and request a permission to skate form from our website (tryout tab).

If you are offered a AAA spot outside of Milton, upload your signed offer to our website (tryout tab) and we will refund your credit card any fees paid.

You will need to take your permission to skate form to your tryout. These can take up to a week for us to complete. Please apply early.

• Representative Try Outs: OMHA has moved all U10 to U18 Representative tryouts to the Spring! Tryout schedules and processes for our representative program are posted on our website under the tryout tab. Please refer to these processes to determine what level your player should start their tryout (typically a maximum of two levels above their previous season's division-Select level is considered House). Schedule is subject to change. Check frequently. NOTE: Select Teams will be selected in the Fall.

Prior to all U10 and U11 Rep try outs, the Ontario Hockey Federation mandates 4 preparatory on-ice sessions. The cost of these sessions is included in the try out fees. Please refer to Pathways on our website under the Program Info tab.

Any U10-U18 player/goalie who wants to try out for a REP team must be signed up and paid in full, by **April 15th**. Tryout fees apply. Please choose the appropriate tryout package based on your player's age and level of play.

** A late fee of \$40 will apply to all late tryout payments.

If you choose not to attend tryouts, or if your player is unsuccessful in securing a spot on a rep team, your player will automatically be placed on a houseleague team.

Refer to registration fees below. All tryout fees include ice costs for tryout skates and pinnie, along with 4 mandatory development skates for U10 and U11.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- <u>Interested in volunteering?</u> MMHA relies very heavily on volunteers to help our program run. How can you help? Navigate to our website and fill in the volunteer application under the volunteer/sponsors tab.
 - Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who have children playing with the MMHA. If you are interested in a Board position, please contact our Secretary at secretary@miltonwinterhawks.com for more info.
 - Timekeepers/First Shift Program/Office Help: Are you a high school student looking for community hours? Please contact <u>info@miltonwinterhawks.com</u> for info on volunteer opportunities on and off the ice.
 - Tournament Volunteers: The MMHA hosts several tournaments through the season. Volunteers
 are needed in the tournament office and with timekeeping. Please contact
 info@miltonwinterhawks.com for more information.
 - Bench staff: On ice Volunteers can help in various ways with our teams. To comply with
 regulations set by the OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association) bench staff require some
 online courses and a police check. Please contact houseleagueadmin@miltonwinterhawks.com
 for more information.
- <u>Interested in Sponsoring?</u> MMHA is grateful to all our wonderful sponsors who, through their generous donations, help keep hockey affordable for over 1,500 players in Milton. Sponsors can gain exposure through jersey bars, logos on website, tourney sponsorship, signage and more. If you are interested in more information, or in sponsoring a team, please contact info@miltonwinterhawks.com.
- Our Season:
 - <u>Ice Schedule</u>: The season schedule is typically available online as of the end of summer, once the Town has released our ice permits and registration numbers are finalized. We do our best to

keep the house league schedule the same from season to season, however alterations to times may be necessary depending upon availability of ice. Please refer to the program tab through the summer for tentative schedule blocks for each age group.

House League Season: Our coaches, convenors, IP Director and VP House will draft teams in early September. The season typically starts by end September/early Oct. and runs until the end of March. Balancing of teams is typically complete by mid November, however players may be required to move to a different team up until the end of December. Your coach will be in contact by mid September with your team placement.

Depending on ice availability, additional development may be available for houseleague players through the season. Attendance at these additional sessions will not be mandatory and will come at an added cost. Please check your email/junk mail for more information about these development sessions through the season.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Online Schedules and Information: Please check our website and your email/junk mail regularly for updates regarding tryouts, schedules, and other pertinent information. Information regarding Jumpstart and other funding programs, mandatory hockey equipment, and schedules can all be found on the website. When coaches provide team placement, they will advise how to check the online schedule. Once the season has started, it is the parent's responsibility to check their schedule weekly. MMHA is not responsible for missed games due to scheduling changes.
- MMHA, OHF, OMHA and Hockey Canada Policies: MMHA and other policies are posted on our website under the Policies tab. All Members of the MMHA, including parents, players and volunteers are required to familiarize themselves with, and abide by all posted policies, including but not limited to the MMHA Code of Conduct, Social Media/Networking Policy, Helmet Policy and Goalie/Player Fair Play Guidelines and other. From time to time, the Association may, at it's sole and exclusive discretion, modify these Policies. Such modifications shall be effective immediately upon posting to the Website (www.miltonwinterhawks.com). You acknowledge and agree that the Association may make such changes and notify you by posting on the Website, and that your continued participation with the Association constitutes acceptance of such modifications. Contravention of posted policies may result in removal from our programming and association.
 - Registration Waivers include mandatory ones from the OMHA and Hockey Canada. Please ensure you read them as you register.
- Medical Information Sheet: All players are required to provide their team trainer with a completed <u>Player</u> <u>Medical Information Sheet</u> at their first ice time (found under the Bench Staff/Trainers tab on our website).
- Concussion Pre-Season Baseline Testing It is recommended that once a year, before each new season, a player has an IMPACT baseline test. This is a computerized cognitive test takes 30-40 minutes and the cost is typically covered under most benefit packages with physiotherapy allowances. Parents/Guardians are required to familiarize themselves with MMHA's Concussion Protocol. For more information, visit the Concussion Protocol link under the Trainer's Corner tab on our home page.

Next Steps:

Tryout schedules and processes are posted to our website's homepage. If your player is trying out for a rep team, look for the Tryout Tab! Subject to change. Check often.

Once we receive our ice package from the Town of Milton (end August), we will start building our schedules. We will not know schedules until then. Approximate dates and times will be posted later Spring to the Program info Tab on our home page.

Houseleague Coaches will be in touch with team placement by mid September. If you have not heard from a coach by end September, please check the website for updates, check your junk mail, then contact houseleagueadmin@miltonwinterhawks.com

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U5 to U9 Registration opening May 15th.

| Division | Year of Birth | Early Bird Registration Fee | Registration Fee | |
|----------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | if registered and paid in full by July 31 | (August 1st to Sept .30) | |
| U5 | 2019 | \$440 | \$540 | |
| U6 | 2018 | \$480 | \$580 | |
| U7 | 2017 | \$595 | \$695 | |
| U8 | 2016 | \$595 | \$695 | |
| U9 | 2015 | \$595 | \$695 | |

U10 to U21 Registration opening March 22nd

| Division | Year of Birth | Early Bird Registration Fee | Registration Fee | | |
|----------|----------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| Division | | if registered and paid in full by May 31 | June 1- August 15 | Tryout Fee (AA/A/BB) March 15-Apr 15 | Tryout Fee (BB ONLY) March 15- Apr 15 |
| U10 | 2014 | \$595 | \$695 | \$175 | n/a |
| U11 | 2013 | \$595 | \$695 | \$175 | n/a |
| U12 | 2012 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | n/a |
| U13 | 2011 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | n/a |
| U14 | 2010 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | \$75 |
| U15 | 2009 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | \$75 |
| U16 | 2008 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | \$75 |
| U18 | 2006/2007 | \$595 | \$695 | \$130 | \$75 |
| U21 | 2003/2004/2005 | \$595 | \$695 | n/a | n/a |

Visit <u>www.miltonwinterhawks.com</u> to access our registration portal which will be activated at 9am on opening day.