

#### Welcome to MMHA's 2025-26 On-line Registrations

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

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.

The registration process will look a bit different this season. The Ontario Hockey Federation has removed the restriction regarding <u>residency for representative play</u>. Hockey Canada has reprogrammed their registration platform to accommodate this change. There will be 3 registrations

- 1. Tryout Registration opening April 2nd– for U8-U18 players attending Spring tryouts for AHL/MD and Rep Teams
- 2. AHL/MD/Rep Season Registration for U8-U8 players successful in being offered a spot on a team Private registration sign up
- 3. Houseleague Season Registration Opening April 26th.

**NEW**: We are permitted to move our U8 and U9 MD evaluations to our SPRING TRYOUTS for players who would benefit from a higher level of play. Per Hockey Canada pathways, U7MD Evaluations will remain scheduled for the fall. U21 AA tryouts will also occur in the fall. More information regarding registering for evaluations will be posted at that time.

**NEW**: **TRYOUT ONLY Registration** for U8 to U18 MD, Rep and Advanced Houseleague will open April 2<sup>nd</sup> and close April 15<sup>th</sup>. This does NOT include the season registration or accompanying team fees. A link to the tryout registration package will be posted on our website. ONLY register for tryouts if you actually plan on trying out. As a Hockey Canada sanctioned program, Milton is obligated to abide by the OHF season dates calendar for tryouts. Refer to the Tryout Policy and schedule posted under the tryout tab on the website for the process and more details.

- Tryout policy along with schedules are posted on the website under the tryout tab. Check often for changes.
- Body Contact Clinic: U14-U18 players looking to tryout at the AA or A level, or those interested in being an AP (affiliate player) for AA or A, must complete the introductory body contact clinic prior to tryouts. Refer to tryout tab/schedule on our homepage for times. All age groups/levels below U14, including all BB levels and all houseleague/MD/select/Advanced Houseleague programs remain non-contact. As per OHF guidelines, these clinics are ONLY available to players rostered to a MMHA team in the 2024-25 season. A signup link was emailed to families.
- Goalie clinics: Refer to tryout schedule. Goalies are expected to attend. As per OHF
  guidelines, these clinics are ONLY available to players rostered to a MMHA team in the 202425 season. A signup link was emailed to families.
- U8-U11 Prep Skates: The Hockey Canada mandated OPTIONAL Prep sessions are noted on the tryout schedule and as per OHF guidelines, these clinics are ONLY available to players rostered to a MMHA team in the 2024-25 season. A signup link was emailed to families.

**REP/MD/AHL ONLY Registration**: Once a player is offered a spot on a MD, Rep or Advanced Houseleague Team, they will be directed to a private store to register for the season. The URL for this store must not be shared with anyone other than the player/player's family being provided the offer. The link is for the player only and not for siblings. Please refer to the tryout policy. Registration will confirm the player's intention in playing for Milton for the season. If a player is not offered a spot on a MD/Rep or Advanced Houseleague Team, they will have the opportunity to register for houseleague play.

**HOUSELEAGUE ONLY Registration**: Houseleague ONLY registration (not including Advanced Houseleague) for U5 to U21 players will be open from April 26<sup>th</sup> until spaces fill, or beginning January, whichever comes first. Early Bird Pricing ends July 31. A link to the registration packages will be posted on our website. Please refer to our program info tab on our website for the most up to date info on our houseleague programs.

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION: Registration for the season is not considered complete or confirmed until full payment has been received and for new players, the **one-time** Parent Respect in Sport Online course has been completed. New players may also be required to submit proof of age and their current address prior to registration being confirmed. Hockey Canada and the OMHA require a passport or birth certificate as proof of age and a parent's driver's license as proof of current address. Registration is NOT dependent on residency. Please be prepared to upload these documents to your Registration Account (Spordle) during the registration process.

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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:**

- Passwords and Logins: MMHA does not have access to passwords or log in info. Please
  request from the registration site if you can't access your account. HINT: When creating
  your account, use a personal email and not a work email so you can use the password
  retrieval option if you no longer have access to your work email.
- 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 MMHA</u> offers a discount to players who register and pay their registration fees in full by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Refer to pricing chart below. Please note: Spaces fill up quickly, and divisions may fill prior to the end of the Early Bird.
- <u>Players</u> 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 note cut off dates to
  register for Early bird and for tryouts.
  - Returning Players: Please take the time to verify/update contact information on your player's Hockey Canada profile. If you have moved within the season, you may be required to upload a new Drivers license.
  - New players Your registration will not be confirmed until required documentation is uploaded to your registration account, and the mandatory <u>Respect in Sport Parent</u> online course is complete and on file.
    - Proof of Age: upload player passport or birth certificate
    - Proof of Residency: Residency is not a requirement of registration however,
       Hockey Canada requires current addresses on player profiles. Hockey Canada

accepts parents drivers licenses with current date/family name/address clearly showing.

- 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 may need to complete a transfer of profile with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. 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 \$465.00 to the third and subsequent player(s) registered. If a third family member registers after the Early Bird Deadline, their registration fee is \$565.00. 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.
  - <u>NOTE:</u> Families must apply for sibling discount by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the season they are registered. After that point, this discount will not be provided.
- Refund Policy: Please refer to Terms and Conditions in Online Registrations and 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.
- AAA Permission to Skate: Players trying out for AAA no longer require a Permission to Skate form to participate.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Interested in volunteering? 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.
- Interested in Sponsoring? MMHA is grateful to all our wonderful sponsors who, through their generous donations, help keep hockey affordable for over 1,450 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 along with the fee chart below for tentative schedule blocks for each age group.
- House League Season: Evaluation skates may be held in September/October after which, our coaches, convenors, IP Director and Houseleague Hockey Director will draft teams. The season typically starts around Thanksgiving 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 early October 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 be optional and will come at an added cost. Please check the website along with 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 under the program info tab. When houseleague 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 (<a href="www.miltonwinterhawks.com">www.miltonwinterhawks.com</a>). 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 Medical Information Sheet</u> at their first ice time (found under the program info 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 under the tryout tab. If your player is trying out for a MD, Rep or Advanced Houseleague 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 late summer to the Program info Tab on our home page and are noted on the fee chart below.

Houseleague Coaches will be in touch with team placement by early October. The email used to register your child is the email we will use to contact you. If you have not heard from a coach by early October, please check the website for updates, check your junk mail, then contact houseleagueadmin@miltonwinterhawks.com

**Houseleague Installment Payments:** Houseleague Registration fees can be paid in up to 3 installments. Please register early to benefit from the timeframe of the installments along with the early bird pricing.

Initial payment 40% due April 26

Next payment 30% due May 26

Next payment 30% due June 26

### 2025 - 26 Registration Fees & Tryout Fees

## **TRYOUT REGISTRATION FEES**

Age Group	Division	Tryout Registration only (does not include regular season registration fee)	Cost
U8-U9	MD	MD Evaluations, Pinnie	\$130
U10-18	Multilevel tryout	Tryouts, Pinnie	\$200
U10-18	Adv HL only	Tryouts, Pinnie	\$70
U14- U18	BB/AHL	Non-Contact (BB) tryouts U14 and above, pinnie	\$140

Link to Season Registration for Rep players is private and will be provided to player when spot on team is offered. Space on a rep team is not confirmed until registration is confirmed. Refer to Tryout Policy.

# U5 to U21 Season Registration fee:

	Early Bird Registration Fee	Registration Fee	
Division	if registered and paid in full by July 31	(August 1 <sup>st</sup> to close or full)	Potential houseleague schedules*
U5	\$580	\$680	Sats/alt Sun's
U6	\$640	\$740	Sats/alt Sun's
U7-U11	\$755	\$855	Sats/Suns
U12-U13	\$755	\$855	Fri/Sat
U14-U15	\$755	\$855	Tue/Sun
U16-U21	\$755	\$855	Wed/Sun

<sup>\*</sup>Schedules subject to change dependent on ice availability and registration.

Link to Houseleague Season Registration platform will open on our homepage on April 26, 2025.