



Milton Minor Hockey Association – 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

2018-19 MD/Rep Tryout key information (Does not apply to Initiation Program):

- Players/Goalies must be registered and in good standing, and the tryout fee's for Rep/\$100.00 and MD/\$40.00, must be paid prior to tryouts starting
- Players must tryout 1 (one) level above the level they wish to play
- 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.
- HSC Hockey School & Redline Hockey will be conducting all on-ice skills and drills
- Full equipment is mandatory, players will be assigned a numbered jersey upon check-in
- Players will be given a unique identification # upon check-in
- Goalies will be initially evaluated by independent evaluators at 2 separate tryout sessions
- Goalies will then be advised as to which tryout they are to attend.
- The Head Coach MUST invite a minimum of 4 goaltenders to the 1st tryout for their particular age group
- AA/A/AE Tryouts will consist of 2 individual sessions & 2 exhibition games each, MD Tryouts will consist of 2 individual sessions each
- Players (Goalies are exempt) are only permitted to tryout 2 (two) levels above the level they currently play

Example: In the 2017-18 Season a player played for an MD team, this player would be permitted to tryout for the A team in 2018-19 (Note: should there not be an AE 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, behaviours and 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 can not 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



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Injured Player Requirements

In the event a player is injured and is unable to attend tryouts as a result, he or she must provide the MMHA with a doctor's note verifying the injury and their inability to attend tryouts. In the event such a note is provided, that player will remain on their current team. For example, an injured Novice A player would automatically be placed on the Minor Atom A team in the event they were not able to attend tryouts for medical reasons.

In the event the injured player's current team is moving up a level (for example where an AE team is being converted into an A level team for the upcoming season), the injured player will also automatically move up a level.

In the event an injured player's current team is being disbanded altogether (for example, where a secondary AE team is being dropped), the player will automatically be placed on the next level down (an AE player would be placed on the MD team, if any) and/or may be considered by remaining higher level teams in the fall when a coach is able to adequately assess their ability to play on the ice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this shall not create an exception to MMHA's requirement that coach's roster a full team.

In the event a player is injured during the course of tryouts, he or she must provide a doctor's notes verifying the injury and their inability to continue with tryouts. If the player has, at the time of the injury, already been released from their current team, they will automatically be placed on the team at the level they are currently trying out for. For example if a Novice AA player were to be released from the Minor Atom AA tryout, but then be injured at the Minor Atom A tryouts, he or she would be placed on the Minor Atom A team.

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.