

**POLICY TITLE:
IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTENT
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**Team Tryout
Presidents PPMHA, UMHA
– OMHA Rep
NDMHA Amalgamation
Committee
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Introduction

The NDMHA will provide ice time for tryouts to each Representative and Select team. The schedule will be posted in advance on the NDMHA website with teams, locations, and number of tryouts. Tyke to Minor Midget will conduct spring tryouts in April/May. NDMHA will conduct fall tryouts for Midget in August/September as required.

Purpose

This Policy is intended to outline the processes used to administer the tryout process leading to ultimate selection for those NDMHA players wishing to play on a Representative or Select team.

Policy Statement - Tryout Process and Rules

1. At the first tryout the Association will provide a letter that outlines the tryout process and evaluation criteria. A letter from the Head Coach will also be included with team goals and expected budget/costs for the year.
2. NDMHA “AA” tryouts will commence upon the completion of the “AAA” tryouts. “A” tryouts will commence upon the completion of the “AA” tryouts. “AE” tryouts will commence upon the completion of the “A” tryouts. Select tryouts will commence upon the completion of the “AE” tryouts.
3. The VP Rep will meet with the Coaches prior to the commencement of the tryouts to establish the NDMHA standard tryout procedures.
4. Players who were registered with a representative team during the previous season must tryout for the “AA” team first. Only after being released from the “AA” tryouts, will the player be able to tryout for an “A” team.
5. Players who were registered with house league during the previous season are able to skip the “AA” tryouts and go directly to the “A” tryouts if they wish to do so. However, they must register and purchase their tryout passport on the first night of the “AA” tryouts.
6. Players who are registering in the house league program for the upcoming season are eligible to attend Select tryouts. Select players must meet the Select Residential guidelines, they must register and purchase their tryout passport on the first night of the “AA” tryouts.
7. “AE” by definition means Additional Entry. “AE” teams at each level (minor and major) will be determined by the number of registered players at the “A” level tryouts. There should be a full major team rostered before a minor team is rostered. However, exceptions subject to board and OMHA approval may apply.
8. All players trying out must complete an online registration form by the date identified on the website. This form can be found online at www.northdurhamhockey.ca. Players will not be allowed to sign in for the first tryout until the tryout fees have been paid.
 - a. **“AA” Tryout Passport** - This provides two guaranteed “AA” skates. The 3rd and 4th skate are by invitation only. If released from “AA”, it also allows two

skates at the “A” tryout. The 3rd skate is invitation only. If released from “A”, it will also allow for the two “AE” tryout skates.

- b. **“A” Tryout Passport** - This provides two guaranteed “A” skates. The 3rd skate is by invitation only. If released from “A”, it will also allow for the two “AE” tryout skates. If released from “AE”, it will also allow for the two “Select” tryout skates.
 - c. **“Select” Tryout Passport** - This provides two skates.
9. Players will be provided with a numbered jersey and a pair of socks before their first tryout. Players will use this jersey and the socks for the durations of all tryouts. Jerseys can't be transferred between players. It will be theirs to keep after tryouts are complete.
 10. Players will not be allowed on the ice if they are wearing any other associations jersey, socks, pant shells, helmet stickers or anything to identify which association they have played for in previous years.
 11. All Rep team players must tryout with their own age group. At the “AA” and “A” levels, players may also try out for a rep team for the division that is one calendar year older with Executive approval. “AE” does not qualify.
 12. Players from other centers must complete the online registration form and have an NRP passport from their home center with them prior to skating their first tryout.

Policy Statement - Selection Process

1. Player Selection Committee members will consist of one (1) Port Perry community member and one (1) Uxbridge community member and one (1) independent member selected by the NDMHA amalgamation committee. The members may not have a player trying out for the team for which they are evaluating.
2. The coach is required to have non-parent volunteers, both on and off the ice. A minimum of three (3) evaluators are needed. Hockey Canada evaluation guidelines are to be used. For evaluation purposes NDMHA will provide a standard set of drills provided to the Head Coaches for the first 30 minutes of the tryout skate. These will be used.
3. The Player Selection Committee must approve first 12 players including at least 1 goaltender.
4. No players/goaltenders can be released from the “AA” teams until the end of the second “AA” tryout. Players/goaltenders will be notified whether they have been selected or released from the team via the NDMHA website.
5. All players/goaltenders trying out for any team must remain on the ice for the entire tryout except in the case of illness or injury.
6. Players accepted as Non Resident Players (NRP) will be considered impact players. An impact NRP player is top 5 player or top goaltender.
7. A Head Coach may select a player/goaltender who is not able to attend tryouts if the Head Coach and the executive are satisfied that if the player/goaltender was able to attend the tryouts the player/goalie would be one of the players/goaltender chosen to the team. The player must contact the Head Coach prior to tryouts to advise he/she will be absent. **Players who are absent from tryouts without approval from the NDMHA Executive will be deemed ineligible for further tryouts. Approval will be considered for injuries, illness, or family emergency only.**
8. To ensure a consistent level of development and in order to be economically feasible, a team composition of 17 players will be adopted. Head Coaches wishing to form a team outside the 17 targets must seek prior Executive Board approval.
9. Minor Bantam will follow the OMHA Minor Bantam tryout guidelines. Tryouts and exhibition games will be conducted without body checking.

Policy Statement - Underage Players

1. The Association discourages the signing of underage players. In exceptional circumstances, an underage player may be signed if he or she is assessed in the top two (2) forwards, top defensemen or top goalie on the older aged team. Whether the player is among the top players on the older aged team is to be determined by the player selection committee and communicated to the player after the second (2nd) skate. If still eligible, the player must commit to one team before the third (3rd) tryout.
2. Any underage player wishing to play on an older aged team for a second or subsequent year must meet the same criteria each year.
3. Members of the coaching staff for any NDMHA team should not be the parent/guardian of an underage child on that team. Exceptions can be made but only by executive approval.

Policy Statement – Release following team selection

If a player attends “AA” or “A” tryouts and is selected for any of these teams they cannot decline and accept an offer from another rep team.

Related policies, procedures and directives

NDMHA - In keeping with the NDMHA Amalgamation presentation the team composition will consist of the first 12 ranked players including 1 goalie. The player selection committee will provide a copy of the evaluation to the NDMHA VP Rep, after the 2nd tryout. The NDMHA player selection committee will meet with the Head Coach to review their list prior to the 3rd tryout. The Head Coach will have the 3rd tryout to determine any contradiction with the list. If the Head Coach has a contradiction to the top 12 player list, he/she will have 12 hours to declare to the NDMHA player selection committee or the top 12 player list will be final.

If there is a contradiction and it can't be resolved by the Head Coach and the NDMHA Selection Committee, the player evaluation will be reviewed by the VP Rep will make a final decision.

NDMHA amalgamation committee has made every attempt possible to provide a transparent and fair system in which players are selected fairly. All decisions for player placement will be final.