

**Orillia Minor Hockey Tryout Camp Process Policy
U8 to U18**

Rules

1. There will be 5 tryouts between “A” and “BB”. This may change depending on registration numbers and will be determined by the Board.
2. **All** players wanting to try out for a Representative Team **must attend the tryout camp according to their year of birth** (For e.g.: if a player is of U12 age they will attend the U12A/U13BB tryout. If the player is U13 age they will attend the U13 A/ U13 BB tryout. After the 3 tryouts are completed the players who were not offered a letter of commitment to the “A” team will then proceed to the remaining BB tryouts which will encompass both age groups)
3. All players are guaranteed 2 ‘A’ tryouts.
4. All players who attend Rep tryouts will be assigned to the team that best fits their skill set as determined at the tryouts. (A, BB or HL)
5. If a player refuses to sign a commitment letter for the specific team it will result in a release directly to OrilliaMHA house league. Extenuating circumstances will be referred to the Director of Rep for review.
6. Should there be an abundance of players registered to try out for a specific division the tryout session will be divided into 2 tryout sessions. The minimum number of players where this will be determined is 34. The sessions are to be divided as evenly as possible.
7. If a BB coach was selected prior to tryouts, the BB coach is expected to attend the first 3 tryouts in order to view the players prior to them attending the BB tryout camp.
8. The Head Coach and Evaluators must utilize the Orillia Minor Hockey Association Player Evaluation Form and follow the tryout criteria set out by the Board based on Hockey Canada Guidelines.
9. The criteria will be provided to the Coaches and Evaluators at a meeting prior to the commencement of tryouts.
10. Evaluators will be supplied by Orillia Minor Hockey for every level from U8 to U18.
11. Each team must roster minimum 13 skaters and 2 goalies unless granted an exception by the Orillia Minor Hockey Association (Board).
12. After each tryout all evaluations must be **immediately** turned over to the Board member/Designate assigned to facilitate after each tryout session. Calculations will then be recorded by the facilitator after each tryout.
13. The Evaluators and Coaches will have no access to the evaluation forms during the tryouts.

14. Based on calculations determined after the second tryout, the facilitator will determine who will be returning for the third tryout.
15. Any decision made must follow the policy set out by the Board and cannot be circumvented by a Coach, Evaluator, Facilitator or Board Member/Facilitator.
16. After the second tryout a list of players will be put on the OrilliaMHA website advising them to return for the third tryout. All other players will go to the BB tryouts.
17. After the third for A Teams the final selection of the players in the Rep division will be discussed with the Head Coach, Evaluators and Board member/Designate facilitating. The decisions made must be supported by the evaluations and approved by the board member.
18. A player **may not** be cut from a Rep team once they have been selected and offered a Letter of Commitment.
19. All evaluations will be collected by the Board member/Designate assigned and turned over to the Director of Rep after the last tryout.
20. The Board will levy a tryout fee for all Rep teams, to be retained by the Board.
21. After the final tryout a list of successful players will be put on the OrilliaMHA website as soon as possible.

Split Sessions

22. If there is an age group with high participant numbers that requires the regular time allotments to be divided into two sessions, then the first two tryout scores will be used to eliminate the bottom skaters to a number of 25 to 30 depending on the scores. All remaining players will attend the 3rd skate.

Goalies

Goalie Evaluations will take place during player evaluations with the team the goalie(s) are trying out for.

U8/U9/U10/U11 Tryouts

As mandated by Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation & Ontario Minor Hockey Association starting the 2020/2021 season the following process will be in place for tryouts:

U8/9

1. Playing Surface

- All U8 will be played at half-ice or a maximum size of 100x85.
- All U9 will be played at half-ice or a maximum size of 100x85 and can transition to full-ice after January 15th.

2. Player Evaluations/Tryouts

- No tiering or evaluations during the off-season phase (previous season, including March through August).
- Must offer a minimum of four (4) practice/skill sessions prior to formal tiering or evaluations beginning.
- Must have a minimum of three (3) formal evaluation sessions.

3. Half-Ice Game Play Rules

4. Fair and Equal Ice Time

5. Coach Education

6. Seasonal Structure

U10/11

- Must offer a minimum of four practice/skill sessions prior to formal evaluation starting.
- Must have a minimum of three formal evaluation sessions:
- Players should not tryout based on a specific position, but should be encouraged to play both forward and defense in tryouts.
- Players should be selected for teams based on skill, not positional preference.

Fair and Equal Ice Time

- Positional Rotation:
- All players play all positions
- Goaltender Rotation:
- Full-time goaltender allowed.
- Goaltenders rotate for equal amount of playing time throughout the regular season and playoffs.

Seasonal Structure

- Preparation Phase (up to 4 Weeks)
- See Player Tryouts above.
- Development Phase (up to 4 weeks)
- Teams must have a period of development time following tryouts prior to the start of the regular season.
- Development and Regular Season Phase (Up to 24 weeks)
- Recommended maximum of 45 games per year (includes exhibition, league, tournament and playoff games).
- Seasonal Breaks
- Playoff Phase (up to 4 weeks)
- Tournament style.
- Offseason Phase (end of season to August)

Position-Specific Training

- Small-area games in practice/station-based practices/skill-focused drills
- Only 15% of practice time should be spent on team play and strategy/systems with 85% of practice time spent on skills and tactics.
- Limit position-specific specialization (except for goalies).

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