

## **BMHA Evaluation (Tryout) Process**

The primary objective of Belleville Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) is to provide information to players and parents in order to establish a clear and transparent selection process for all representative teams.

Please note that portions of this are only guidelines and that adjustments may be made in the interests of player development on a case-by case basis with agreement from the Coach, Coach Mentor (if applicable) as well as the Executive.

In addition, it is the responsibility of BMHA and its members to meet level of play requirements in accordance with the OMHA guidelines. These guidelines include that an Association may not enter a team in a lower level of play if there is no team entered in the immediate level above.

For example, BMHA must enter an "AA" team if it wishes to enter an "A" team. This stipulation applies to all levels and ages in the Rep system. Therefore in the interest of creating competitive teams BMHA is recommending the following, Based on previous season play:

- ❖ Players that played AA should start at AA level
  - ❖ Players that played A may start at AA or A level
  - ❖ Players that played B/HL/Select or other levels may start at AA or A
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- Effective 2025/26 season, player movement amongst any centre is permitted.
  - You do not need to be a resident to participate in tryouts and no permission to skate is needed. Just register and attend.
  - BMHA will NOT be placing restrictions on the number of out of town players. Everyone is welcome, NO limits. Coaches will make final decisions.
  - Players MUST register through HCR (Hockey Canada)
  - Registration will be live April 2nd
  - Players must be registered for evaluations (tryouts) on or before...
    - U8-U9 - April 27th
    - U10-U13 - April 25th
    - U14-U18 - April 27th
    - If missed deadline please message [office@bellevilleminorhockey.ca](mailto:office@bellevilleminorhockey.ca)

- Players will not be allowed to attend Evaluations unless they have registered and paid for Evaluations through HCR
- Any player with outstanding fees from previous season, will not be allowed to participate in evaluations until fees are paid in full (this includes other centres)
- **No Refunds for Evaluation (tryout) fees**

### **Evaluation Process**

- Evaluation schedule is posted on Belleville Minor Hockey website, please note it is subject to change, so please refer to it regularly.
- Players will be provided 2 jerseys (black and gold or red) at first tryout
- 'AA' Team must carry a minimum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies; any requests to carry less must be submitted to the board of directors for review and approval.
- 'A' Teams will be required to have a minimum 13 plus 1 goalie to proceed with tryouts. Should an A team not have the numbers, BMHA reserves the right to combine players for a minor/major team.
- Player releases may begin after 1 skate, there is no minimum required and will be at coaches discretion.
- Players released from 'AA' may continue the tryout process with the 'A' team.
- Player releases will continue to be communicated through tryout lists and a number will be assigned closer to the start of evaluations.
- Players entering Body Checking (U14 Evaluations), proof of body checking clinic will be required.

### **Underage Players**

- Underage players wishing to play up an age category must first attend, within their appropriate age category. If the players intention is to attend tryouts for the age category one level of play higher than their appropriate age category then intent from the parent must be provided to BMHA by way of email two

weeks in advance to [office@bellevilleminorhockey.ca](mailto:office@bellevilleminorhockey.ca) and if the request falls under the OMHA Guidelines for tryouts an independent assessor will be present at your tryouts for evaluations.

- Any player allowed to move forward will be eligible only for tryouts at the AA level and must be assessed by a BMHA appointed representative as falling within the Top 3 Forward, Top 2 Defence, and Top Goaltender.
- No team will be permitted to carry more than 1 (one) underage player.
- Should the underage player meet the above requirement (Top 1, 2, 3 based on position above), BMHA will then notify the coach that the player is eligible to be considered for the higher team.
- It will then be the coach decision if they wish to offer the approved player a position on the team. BMHA reserves the right to make the final decision regarding player movement.

#### **Offers of Commitment:**

- As part of the new process, Offers of Commitments will be handled differently.
- When a coach has chosen a player they will receive a link to register on Spordle. Acceptance of offer must be completed in a timely manner, or run the risk of the offer being rescinded by coach.
- By registering through Spordle, you are considered to have accepted the offer of commitment, paper copies will not be accepted.
- As players are only allowed to register with one (1) team/Association for the season, once they register it will mean that they have accepted their Offer of Commitment and all other offers will be considered null and void.
- Base registration fee is set by and payable to BMHA
- Additional team fees will be provided by coach at a future parent meeting, expect additional costs to be \$1500-\$2500

**BMHA Reserves the right to make adjustments as needed to ensure competitiveness and safety of teams and players.**