



Try-Out Process and Rules



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Orangeville Minor Hockey will use the online player selection process. Players will be required to register for the season prior to attending tryouts.

Vision:

The Orangeville Flyers Minor Hockey Association (OMH) provides a community hockey program with the following goals:

- Fostering the passion for our game in our members and our community;
- Provide our members with a positive hockey experience focusing on building skills both on and off the ice;
- Implementing the principles of Hockey Canada's Long-Term Participant Development (LTPD) in our programming.

Competitive Programming Goals:

1. Develop our players to compete at competitive tiers representing our organization and our community
2. Develop players to their full potential
3. Develop competitive teams that compete with respect for their themselves and their opponents

Age-Group Development:

- Our programming is built on the principles of Hockey Canada's Long-Term Participant Development (LTPD) and the age specific player pathways
- Our player development includes a focus on core skills, evaluation, practice, and training
- Ensure player safety, contact confidence and healthy living are included in our player development.

Tryout/Evaluation Objectives:

The objectives of Player Evaluation during the Tryout process are to provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills during individual technical skills demonstrations, as well as scrimmage/exhibition sessions.

Registration:

Resident/New Resident Players:

- Register through the Hockey Canada Registry website prior to the first tryout. You will be required to fill out a simple questionnaire of their past year playing experience and select the level of play you wish to try out for in upcoming season.

NRP Players: (Non-Resident Player)

All NRP must have all paperwork completed and attend tryouts to be eligible for a position on a team. Non-Resident Players are only allowed at the AA Level. ***NRP's will be guaranteed a minimum of two skates.***

Please bring your signed NRP documentation from your home centre and register in person on day of the tryout.

Tryout Fees & Registration:

1. Each player will be assessed a try-out fee of **\$75.00** (non-refundable) if trying out for *Tiers AA, A/BB*. OMH (Orangeville Minor Hockey Association) will collect the fee for all try-outs. Please note, U7, U8 & U9 MD Tryouts will be at a cost of **\$60.00**; MD/Select teams skates will be in the fall and are pending interest.
2. NRP's will be assessed fee of **\$25 per tryout up to** maximum is **\$75.00**;
3. Each level (AA, A/BB, MD) will be assigned a minimum two try-outs, less ice preparation time.
4. The AA level will have a third scheduled skills/intersquad skate, where possible AA/A/BB will have home & away exhibition games scheduled and included as part of the tryout evaluations;
5. Every player **MUST** be registered, and payment received by OMH prior to any player being allowed on the ice.
6. It will be the responsibility of OMH (not the team) to ensure that every player attending a try-out is registered accordingly.
- 7. Players are required to attend AA tryouts in order to be considered for all Tiers in our competitive teams. Once a player has been selected to and agrees to play for a Rep or MD team, they will be obligated to remain with that team. Any requests for accommodations MUST be communicated/requested in writing a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of AA Tryouts, requests will be reviewed by Representative Executive members.**

Team Composition and Selection:

8. U8/U7 MD/Select teams are recommended to carry a minimum of 18 players. The goalie position will be rotated to interested players. For the purpose of Tryouts **U8/U7 players are recommended to tryout in player equipment for minimum of the first evaluation**. All U8/U7 MD/Select games will be half/cross ice format, as directed by the OMHA and Hockey Canada.
9. U9 MD/Select teams are recommended to carry a minimum of 18 players and can select full time goalie position. U9 games are half ice format until end of December and full ice format commencing on January 15, 2024;
10. For AA teams U10 to U18 teams must carry a minimum of 14 skaters and 2 goalies. For A/BB/MD U10 to U18, teams must carry a player roster minimum of 15 skaters up to 17 plus two goalies. For MD level, teams must select minimum 15 skaters plus minimum one goalie. ***Some exceptions may apply and subject to approval of OMH executive and must be requested in writing by the head coach prior to final roster selection.***
11. No coach shall solicit, coerce, or compel any player to play for his/her team. Neither shall a coach invite a player to decline his/her team to try-out for another. Every player must be invited to play for the team whose level of skill corresponds to his/her own.
12. It is not permitted for a player to "skip" a try-out unless they have their absence pre-approved by the President and 1st Vice President of Rep. If for any reason a player is injured or absent and can't attend try-outs, OMH must receive written documentation regarding the absence. For injuries a Dr.'s note stating the nature of the injury; dated and signed by the Dr. will be requested. Any other circumstances may also be requested to provide supporting paperwork. (pre-approved by the OMH Executive).
13. In the event that a player declines the invitation to join a team, the VP of Rep must be informed by the Head Coach within **24 hours** of notice of selection. That player is ineligible to attend any further try-outs, for any team, until the Executive has heard his/her case. The decision of the Executive is final and binding. **We are AA base category centre, our AA team MUST be filled first before we can offer a second team.**

Accommodation requests must be received in writing a minimum of 24 hours prior to the first AA tryout.

14. The Association discourages the signing of underage players at the AA level, however in *exceptional circumstances* the following will apply:
 - *an underage player from U10 to U18 may be signed if he/she is among the **Top three (3) FORWARD** players or the **Top two (2) DEFENSE** players on the older-aged team.*
 - *For U7/U8 & U9 MD/Select underage players are eligible to attend U7/ U8/U9 MD/Select try outs but must be assessed in **the top 3** of the grouping in order to be considered unless otherwise approved by OMH;*
 - *Exceptions to the above for U7, U8 & U9 may be considered pending review by the Rep Executive and in the event of low participation numbers.*
 - *The player must be informed of his/her standing by the end of the second try-out. No underage players are permitted to be rostered to ANY A/BB/MD level teams (U10-U18):*
 - *Exceptions will be made if same category teams are combined. Example: U10 can play with the U11, but a U11 player cannot play with U12 team.*
15. Coaches/OMH will provide a minimum of one independent evaluator for their tryout skates. These evaluators will be non-parents of the year of team trying out and without conflict. Please note the following:
 - Players from U14 to U18 can be released after any tryout.
 - Players from U8 to U13 will be provided a recommended minimum of 3 evaluations following 4 prep Skates as per Hockey Canada U13 and Below pathways. The attendance of 4 prep skates is not mandatory to be considered for evaluations but is required to be offered by your minor hockey association.
16. Goalies will be evaluated as part of the tryout process for their age group and category. When possible, an independent goalie evaluator will be assigned to evaluate the position in addition to coaches' evaluators.
17. The final roster will be submitted to Orangeville Minor Hockey Executive for approval. Once approved, the final selection will be posted on the team's website.
18. The AA, A/BB and/or MD coaches work together during try-outs and the evaluators will provide the numerical evaluations/notes to the decision maker for support. Players are to try-out for the highest level of play for their age group so comparisons with all players can be assessed.
19. In any division that offers MD category teams and have enough skilled players to fill multiple teams the selection process will be done via evaluation format and based on registration interest.

Team Selection Process:

Independent Evaluator:

An independent evaluator is defined as an individual who has adequate hockey knowledge, experience, and expertise. An evaluator can be a previous coach of OMH or OMHA member, outside coaches, board members, former professional and amateur players, junior level players, junior level coaches and hockey instructors. An independent evaluator must not have any conflict of interest to the team they are evaluating.

Goalie Evaluations: For 2023 Goalie evaluations will be hosted by Blue Ice Goaltending with independent external and internal evaluators.

Evaluations:

- Each try-out will have a minimum of two qualified evaluators, plus the head coach. The head coach will not be on the ice to run drills and will be an "off-ice" evaluator. Coaches will be making the decision in the selection process and upon conclusion of the try-outs; the head coach will review his/her player roster with the evaluators.

- Following the evaluation groups review, the coach will meet with the President or 1st Vice President of Rep, 2nd Vice President HL or 3rd VP of Admin and/or the Rep/MD Director for final approval.
- Each level of play from AA to MD will get separate tryout ice times. The results of each tryout will be posted on the team website they are trying out for approximately 24 hours after each skate.
- Upon check in to each level of tryout the player will receive a player ID card. The card will have a unique player ID number specific to your child. Each team website will have specific instructions regarding the following notations:
 - FIRST TRYOUT, SECOND TRYOUT;
 - THIRD TRYOUT/INTERSQUAD;
 - EXHIBITION GAME 1;
 - EXHIBITION GAME 2/NEXT GAME;
 - FULL TIME ROSTER or
 - RELEASED TO NEXT LEVEL

Selection Status Definitions:

Status	Explanation
FIRST OR SECOND TRYOUT	Please come back to the next scheduled try-out
THIRD TRYOUT/INTERSQUAD	Please come back to the Third skate of the applicable level
EXHIBITION GAME 1	Please come back to Exhibition Game 1
EXHIBITION GAME 2/NEXT GAME	Please come back to Exhibition Game 2 or next game
FULL TIME ROSTER	Congratulations you have been selected to the team
RELEASED	You will see a date of the release. You are asked to attend the next lower category level try-out. The players released from the MD teams will be placed into the house league groupings for September player evaluations or placement.

Selected Players:

- Once selected players will be required to sign a “Offer of Commitment” and rosters will be finalized for the 2023/2024 season.

