

The executive of the Orangeville Minor Hockey Association would like to share information regarding our decision to apply to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association to have our base category re-classified from AA to an A centre. We will continue to have our AE program, Minor Development program and House League programs. We ask that you look at the information below and the questions / answers that we have provided. If you would like to comment (positive, negative or neutral) please do so at the email provided at the bottom of this bulletin. All members have the right to comment.

#### Questions / Answers

1. Can my child try out for another AA centre?

Yes, Minor Peewee and above players may try out for another AA centre using a Non-Resident Passport (NRP) issued by OMH. Each Minor Peewee through to Midget player can use only one (1) NRP per season. If you do not make that AA team, then you return to OMH and go through tryouts.

2. Can my child tryout for an A centre?

No, if OMH is granted the A centre category then no players may tryout for another A centre.

3. Can a team play AA in Orangeville?

Yes, if the executive and the team feel the level will be competitive, OMH will apply to the OMHA and have the team play AA. It is easier to have a team move up A to AA than move down from AA to A.

4. Will OMH let players tryout as an NRP from other centre's?

Yes, OMH will allow up to 3 NRP tryout and be selected for the Minor Peewee and above teams at the A level only. (Same rules currently for Minor Peewee AA and above teams now).

5. Will OMH continue to work on more league issued development?

Yes, OMH offered free goalie development this season on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. As well OMH offered free development to players on Friday nights and Saturday mornings and will continue to do next season.

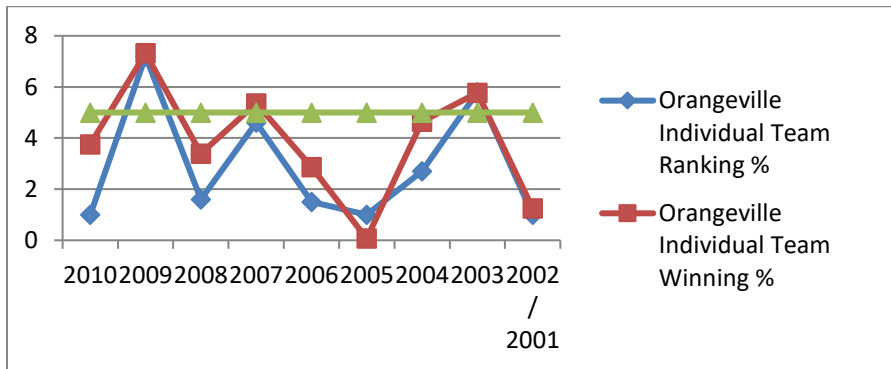
6. If OMH continues to be an AA Centre, can the teams be lowered to A if they are struggling or for playoffs?

The OMH will have to apply to the OMHA for any team to be dropped down in category for the playoffs. The likelihood of the OMHA approving this is slim based on past history. We have had one team be allowed in the past three years. No teams are allowed to move mid season. Each team would have to be requested individually.

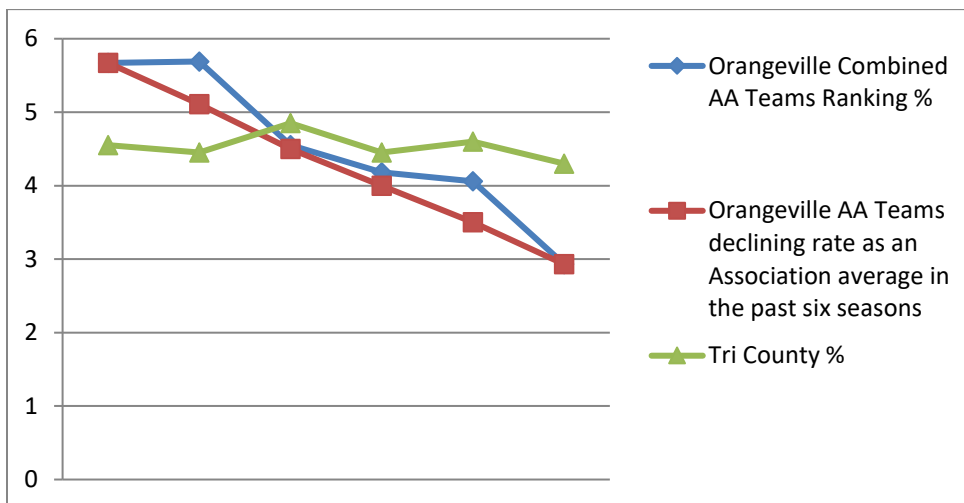
7. Can Orangeville create a AAA Zone team?

No, the OMHA will not allow us to have a AAA team on our own or combine with another centre.

Below are our AA Team records (Year of Birth) playing in the Tri County AA division for the 2018 / 2019 season from Novice (2010) to Midget (2001 / 2002). The rating is an average and calculated from 1 (low) to 10 (high).



Below is an Association average over the past six (6) regular seasons comparing the Orangeville AA Teams within the Tri County League as an AA centre. The chart shows Orangeville declining rate over the past few years. Contributing factors are population growth of other centre's and the number of players playing AAA outside of Orangeville.



The intention is to not drop a level to win in every division but to compete at a level that allows the players to develop and learn successes and failures along the way. We have asked for a decision prior to the 2019-20 tryouts.

Please feel free to comment, ask questions and give any feed back appropriate regarding this decision.

We are doing this to try to improve our divisions. We know some divisions are fine playing AA and some are not. We can move those successful teams up but it truly hard trying to drop the others down.

The email account will close on February 8, 2019. Send all emails with your questions or comments to...

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Thank you,

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