

Try-Out Process and Rules

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

1. Each player will be assessed a try-out fee of \$60.00 (non-refundable) if trying out for all Tiers AA, A, AE and MD or \$ 30.00 (non-refundable) if only trying out for only MD. OMH (Orangeville Minor Hockey Association) will collect the fee for all try-outs.
2. Each level (AA, A, AE, MD) will be assigned a minimum two try-outs, less ice preparation time.
3. The AA level will have third scheduled skate that will be a game format.
4. Every player **MUST** be registered, and payment received by OMH prior to any player being allowed on the ice.
5. It will be the responsibility of OMH (not the team) to ensure that every player attending a try-out is registered accordingly.
6. Players will have the option to select and participate in the tryout level they feel they should try-out for (AA/A/AE or just MD). 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.
7. Minor Novice teams must carry a player roster of minimum 18 players and the goalie position will must be rotated. All minor Novice games will be half ice format. Novice teams must carry a player roster of a minimum of 17 players and can select full time goalie position. Novice games are half ice format until end of December and full ice format commencing in January.
8. For AA teams Minor Atom through to Midget, teams must carry a minimum of 14 skaters and 2 goalies. For A / AE Minor Atom to Midget, teams must carry a player roster of minimum 15 skaters plus two goalies. For MD level, teams must select minimum 15 skaters plus minimum one goalie.
9. 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.
10. 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, Orangeville Minor Hockey 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. (this will be pre-approved by the OMH Executive).

11. In the event that a player declines the invitation to join a team, the 1st Vice President 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.

12. The Association discourages the signing of underage players at the AA level, however in *exceptional circumstances*, an underage player 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. The player must be informed of his/her standing by the end of the first try-out. No underage players are permitted to be rostered to ANY A/AE/MD level teams. Exceptions will be made if same category teams are combined. Example: Minor Atom can play with the Major Atom, a Major Atom player cannot play with a Minor Peewee team.

13. Coaches will provide evaluators for their tryout skates. These evaluators will be non-parents of the year of team trying out and without conflict. The OMH will provide (if able) one evaluator to assist in grading the players during the try-outs. Players can be released after any tryout. Goalies will not be released after the goalie evaluation.

14. 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.

The AA, A, AE and/or MD coaches will have to work together during the entire try-out and the evaluators will provide the numerical evaluations and notes to the decision maker for support. It is recommended that the player's try-out for the highest level of play that they feel fit for. It is just as important for the best player(s) to be at all of the try-outs so that comparisons with all players can be made properly.

In any division that offers MD category teams and have enough skilled players to fill multiple teams the selection process will be done via draft format.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

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.

Each try-out will have a minimum of two qualified evaluators, plus the head coach. The head coach will not be allowed 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.

Once this is done, the coach will then meet with the President or 1st Vice President of Rep or 2nd Vice President HL 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, PLAYING IN GAME, FULL TIME ROSTER** or **RELEASED TO NEXT LEVEL**

If you notice **FIRST OR SECOND TRYOUT** status, then you are being asked to come back to the next scheduled try-out.

If you notice a **PLAYING IN GAME** status, then you are being asked to come back to the Third or final skate of the AA level. The coach will assign teams and players will be assigned colors accordingly

FULL TIME ROSTER means "Congratulations you have been selected to the team".

If a player is **RELEASED**, you will see a date of the release. You will then be asked to attend the next lower level try-out. The players released from the MD teams will be placed into the house league groupings for September player evaluations or placement.