

Try-Out Process and Rules

Orangeville Minor Hockey will continue to use the player selection process. Players will be required to register for the season as well and are recommended to register for the tryouts and pay online through the Orangeville Minor Hockey website. 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 the 2018/2019 season.

1. Each player will be assessed a try-out fee of \$60.00 (non-refundable) if trying out for Tier 1 AA / Tier 2 AE / Tier 3 MD, AE 2 and \$ 30.00 (non-refundable) if only trying out for Tier 3 MD/AE 2, regardless of how many try-outs they attend. OMH (Orangeville Minor Hockey Association) will collect the fee for all try-outs.
2. Each level (AA, AE, MD/AE 2) will have two try-outs, less ice preparation time.
3. The AA level will have a scheduled game for the third skate.
4. Every player **MUST** be registered and payment received by OMH prior to the 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. At the first try-out of each division, every head coach must provide a letter that will outline the estimated team budget and an overview of the year.
7. Players will have the option to select and participate in the tryout level they feel they should try-out for. Once a player has been selected, and agrees to play for a particular rep team, he/she is obligated to remain with that team.
8. Tyke teams must carry a player roster of a minimum of 17 players (15 skaters and two goalies). For Tier 1 (AA), teams must carry a minimum of 14 skaters to a maximum of 17 skaters plus two goalies. Tier 2 (AE), teams must carry a player roster of minimum 15 skaters plus two goalies to a maximum of 17 skaters plus two goalies. Tier 3 MD/AE 2 teams must select 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 in order 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 AE or MD/AE 2 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. The Head Coach must announce players accepted to his/her team to the 1st Vice President and/or Rep Director according to the following schedule:
 - a. Coaches will provide one to two evaluators. These evaluators will be non-parents of the year of team trying out. The OMH will provide (if able) one evaluator to assist in grading the players during the try-outs.
 - b. Players can be released after any tryout. The goalie is the only exception as no goalie can be cut after the goalie evaluation.
 - c. 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, AE and MD/AE 2 coaches will have to work together during the entire try-out and the evaluators will provide the numerical evaluations 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.

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 relatives on the team that 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 Director for final approval.

Each level of play from Tier 1 (AA) to Tier 3 (MD/AE 2) will get separate tryout ice times. The results of each tryout will be posted on that teams website post 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: **PENDING, PLAYING IN GAME, SELECTED** or **RELEASED**

If you notice a **PENDING** status, then you are being asked to come back to the next 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 that level. The coach will assign teams and players will be assigned colors accordingly

SELECTED means "Congratulations you have been selected to the team". There will also be a grouping for Full-Time Roster.

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/AE 2 team will be placed into the house league groupings for September player evaluations or placement.