



POLICY

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Player and Team Selection

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for player and team selection, including try outs, for Local League, Alternate Entry and Representative Teams within the Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association (PMHA), in accordance with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Regulations (as of June 11, 2016) and PMHA's stated mission and vision:

Our goal is to provide a program that will allow every participant to play at their optimum level of competition while at the same time, learning valuable hockey skills, life skills, while developing a positive sense of team play.

Representative (Rep) Team

- Divisional convenors, with the support of the Board, will work with team coaches to ensure teams are balanced in terms of numbers and talent.
- The registrar will bring to the Board's attention any issues with team composition.
- When there are more goalies available than number of teams available, and in an effort to ensure playing and practice time is maximized, teams below the "Representative" level will may be required to take the "extra" goaltenders. This is at the discretion of the Representative Coach, in consultation with the Division Convenor.
- The Divisional Convenor will provide to the Coaches before try-outs an updated registration list and the number of players and goalies the individual teams will be allowed to carry on their teams. If, in the opinion of the Board, a minimum roster must be set for a team so as to not adversely affect the rest of the teams within the division, they will do so and inform the affected Head Coach.
- Any requested changes to these requirements must be made by the Rep Team Head Coach in writing to the Board of Directors via the Division Convenor ASAP, prior to the completion of tryouts.
- Players may not be added to or deleted from the team roster after November 15th of the current season, except in the case of sickness or injury or in consultation with the PMHA Board of Directors. Note: this date is subject to change at the discretion of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.
- Players who are rostered as an affiliated player shall, at the discretion of both Head Coaches, be allowed to practice with the affiliated team when possible, to enable the player to become familiar with the affiliated team. See Affiliate Player policy.
- All players wishing to play for a Rep team must attend all tryouts held for that team until released by the Head Coach. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Board. These requests must be done in writing.
- For members not in good standing with the Association, the player may attend tryouts but will not be rostered until fees are paid in full.

Alternate Entry (AE) Team

- AE try outs will begin after the final Rep selections have been made.
- The selection of individual players will be based on the coach's evaluations.
- Players who are rostered as an affiliated player shall, at the discretion of both Head Coaches, be allowed to practice with the affiliated team when possible, to enable the player to become familiar with the affiliated team. See Affiliated Player policy.

Local League Team

- The Local League Division Convener will evaluate players with the coaches and balance the strengths of all LL teams.
- Should drop outs reduce a Local League team to more than three (3) players below the average team roster, the Division Convener will make transfers (as required) within the division. Additionally, players from the lower age division will also be considered for transfer to the higher age group roster.
- Affected coaches and parents will be consulted prior to any player movements and re-rostering.

Waiting List

- Each season PMHA is required to set a maximum number of players/team that can be accommodated at each age level through registration for the following season.
- This maximum number is based upon a number of factors which include current registration numbers, number of goalies registered and available ice time. PMHA will endeavour to have a maximum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies on every team if at all possible. If, at any time, during the registration process these maximum numbers are reached then ALL subsequent registrations for these specific divisions are placed into a "Waiting List".
- The established procedure for transferring a registration from the waiting list to the active list with PMHA is as follows:
 - All registrations are taken and tabulated in chronological order as to when they were received by the PMHA Registrar.
 - Players who are placed directly onto a waiting list at a PMHA registration session will be required to provide their cheques as per usual however they will not be deposited until such time as the player is transferred to the active list.
 - Registrations are transferred from the waiting list to the active list either by a player in the age group withdrawing their registration officially from PMHA or PMHA increasing the team numbers due to increased registration numbers.
 - In the case of spots being created through PMHA increasing team numbers in a division, this would be determined by the final registration numbers and the availability of ice.
 - When a spot opens up in a division that has a waiting list then the first name on the list is offered the spot and then they are officially registered with PMHA for the current season. If this individual wishes to play Local League they are slotted accordingly.
 - If the player wishes to try out for a Rep or AE team, then the timing of the transfer from the waiting list to the active list is critical. If the transfer takes place at such a time as the player is unable to meet the attendance requirements as per PMHA's tryout policy for the Rep or AE, then the player is required to play in the Local League in that age group.
 - If there are players on a waiting list, the PMHA Board of Directors will sit and determine if there is any way possible, considering the number of players on the waiting list, to move these

players to a team within PMHA. There are no guarantees that this will be possible but PMHA will make every effort to provide these players with an opportunity to play hockey within PMHA. However, this will not be done at the expense of the remainder of the hockey association and the betterment of the players who are properly registered.

- PMHA will make every effort to provide players on a waiting list with an opportunity to play within PMHA but this may not always be possible. The Association will make every effort to notify players/parents of their status on the waiting list so that player has time to explore other options before the start of the hockey season.

Note: If a player is on a waiting list due to late registration, and is typically a Rep or AE player, PMHA will not approve any release of that player allowing them to play in another centre, as a Rep or AE player. Players not rostered to a PMHA team due to late registration will only be permitted to play Local League with another centre.

Eligibility of Player to Play in a Higher Division

- The purpose of any underage player/goalie trying out and playing for a Rep team of an older age group would be due to shortage of player/goalies in the older age group and an excess of player/goalies at the lower age group.
- To qualify as an underage player, the player must excel at their position with exceptional skills. This will be determined by the Board, in consultation with previous coaches.
- In order to be successful at the higher level, the player must be rated within the top five (5) selections for the Rep team. If the player is unsuccessful with the advanced age group, they shall remain eligible to try out for the team of his/her age category.
- Players trying out for a Representative Team on level higher than their age category are not eligible to participate in try outs for or play on AE teams of the above age group.
- Any player who wishes to try out as an underage player for a Rep team must concurrently try out in his/her own age group, as per OMHA Regulation 3.6) a), b). A player's first commitment is to the team of their own age division.
- All Rep Coaches must inform the Division Convenor and OMHA Convener, in writing, of any underage player try outs and/or selection.
- If players are of equal ability, and one is under age, the player who is the proper age shall be selected over the under-age player.
- Local League players must play within their own age group, unless they are an affiliated player for a team in the next higher age group. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Georgian Bay Triangle Local League (GBTLL) (e.g. a local league player requesting to play at a lower level).