



NORFOLK MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 Tryout Policy

The NMHA is classified as an 'A' Centre in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and therefore the 1st priority for Representative Teams is to **select an 'A' team**. Once this has been accomplished, the NMHA will then review the number of players with remaining interest and talent and may run a 'B' division tryout in the fall. The Norfolk Minor Hockey Association (NMHA) Representative 'A' Team Tryouts will take place starting May 7th 2022, for the following ages and divisions:

Spring Tryouts

U14 A

U15 A

U16 A

Fall Tryouts

U18 A (B Option - dependent on level interest and available talent)

U16 B (Dependent on remaining interest and talent)

Note U16 and U18 may be combined to form U18B

U15 B (Dependent on remaining interest and talent)

U14 B (Dependent on remaining interest and talent)

Note U14 and U15 may be combined to form U5B

U13 A (B Option - dependent on level interest and available talent)

U12 A (B Option - dependent on level interest and available talent)

Note U12 and U13 may be combined to form U13B

U11 A (B Option - dependent on level interest and available talent)

U10 A (B Option - dependent on level interest and available talent)

Note U10 and U11 may be combined to form U11B

Tryout Cost

All players trying out for A Representative teams will be required to pay the Tryout Fee of \$75.00. This will get the player through all NMHA 'A' Division tryouts. Tryout registration and fees must be completed online at:

Credit Card only - NO CASH, CHEQUES or E-Transfers.

Non - Resident Players Welcome – The Norfolk Minor Hockey Association is inviting non-resident players to tryout.

Non - residents are only eligible for the A level at the U12 and above age groups. The maximum number of NRP's allowed per team is three (3). NRP eligible players must be pre-registered with their home center and bring to NMHA tryouts an NRP approved passport from their home center. **NOTE: If you are an NRP player and do not produce your home center NRP approved passport at tryouts you will not be allowed on the ice.** NRP's will be required to pay the same tryout fee of \$75.00.

Recently Moved into the Norfolk Minor Hockey area

If you played hockey for another association last season and recently moved into the area (Simcoe, Waterford or Port Dover), please contact the Registrar for guidance on how to complete the residential move process for your player. This process does take some time to complete. If you cannot complete the residential move process prior to try-outs, you will need to secure a Non-Resident Passpost (NRP) form from your former hockey association to attend try-outs. Once the residential move process is completed, your player will no longer be deemed an NRP player.

Player Tryout Guidelines:

Norfolk Knights players who were rostered on a NMHA 'A' team for the prior season, must first tryout for the 'A' team in order to be eligible to play on a team below 'A' for the upcoming season, this applies to all age groups. Only if released by the 'A' coach may the player tryout for the next level of Representative Hockey. Players cannot choose to drop or skip levels or they will be placed in house league for the season. **Note: The NMHA reserves the right to adjust this guideline should events present opportunities for an expansion to the overall membership resulting in the creation of division opportunities that may not have been reasonably known at the time of tryouts.*

Released Tryout Players – Reverse NRP Opportunity/Process

Should a resident player attend the 'A' level tryouts AND be released from the tryout AND should Norfolk Minor Hockey not be in a position to offer 'B' or lower level representative hockey as an option for that player, then that player may (as an option) request a Reverse NRP to attend a 'B' or lower level Representative hockey tryout at another area hockey association. . Please contract the NMHA 2nd Vice President – Representative Director for further

information on this option. NOTE: Players not attending the 'A' division tryout are not eligible for a Reverse NRP.

Tryout Exemptions:

Players **must** attend tryouts to be eligible to be carded to a NMHA Representative team. Exemptions from participating in a tryout due to **illness or injury only** must be requested and approved by the NMHA REP Executive Tryout Committee prior to the first try-out skate or prior to any subsequent try-out skate. Any 2021-2022 Representative player from another centre that moves into the area post try-outs may be given the option to be evaluated and considered for team placement by the Tryout Committee prior to final team roster confirmation date. The NMHA REP Executive *Tryout Committee are not obligated to grant any exemption request*.

Should a player miss a (1) tryout without an approved exemption they will not be eligible to be carded to a Representative team.

Should a player have an exemption request denied and chooses to not tryout for the team, that player cannot be carded to any NMHA Representative Team for the upcoming season nor can they secure a Reverse NRP for B or lower level representative hockey in another association.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that these rules are understood and that players attend the proper tryouts. Should you have any questions concerning the tryout format please speak with the 1st Vice President – Representative Director.

The NMHA reserves the right to card players at any time during tryouts.

Refund Policy on Tryouts.

All Withdraw, Refunds, and Cancellation requests for Tryout Payments must be submitted to the Registrar in writing and refunds will only be issued on requests received prior to the first tryout date. There will be NO refunds issued for requests AFTER the first tryout date - regardless of the reason (illness, family matters, etc). The payment of \$75.00 allows for a minimum of 3 tryout skates.