

GMHA Player Evaluation / Try out 2014 Guidelines

The Guelph Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) Representative Team Tryouts will take place beginning April 14 for the following ages and divisions:

Tyke to Minor Midget AAA-AE where applicable.

Minor Midget AA, A, AE as well as Midget AAA, AA and AE try outs will be held in the fall.

Tryout Cost

All players trying out for Rep teams will be required to purchase a Rep Try-Out Pass.

Advance Cost is **\$75**. All returning GMHA players are strongly encouraged to purchase in advance. Advance sales will be open online only from **March 1st -April 10th end of business day**.

Pricing after April 10th will be at the door will be **\$125**. Cheques will not be accepted. Three try-outs are guaranteed for purchasing a Rep Try-out Pass.

F1 Waivers, Zone players and NRP's may purchase single Try-out passes for **\$25** per skate at the door.

Objectives of Player Evaluation

- ♦ To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills.
- ♦ To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels as determined during the on-ice evaluations of the current year.
- ♦ To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude.
- ♦ To provide uniformity and consistency in the evaluation process such that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the association's programs
- ♦ To form teams to maintain balanced and competitive play where the athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season.
- ♦ To provide feedback in order to promote player development

Common Tryout Questions

1. Who may attend Try-outs?

Zone players: The Guelph Zone includes Woolwich, Centre Wellington and Arthur. Players must present Permission to Skate form signed by the proper authority within their home centre. No player will be allowed to skate or try-out without this consent form.

F1 Waivered Players: GMHA accepts F1 Waivered players. These players are only allowed to tryout at the AAA level. If they are released they must go back to their home centre. Original documentation, including the necessary number of waivers required must be presented to the GMHA representative before the first Try-out. Players must also bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Maximum number of waived players allowed per team is as follows:

Minor Atom – Pee wee, Three (3), Minor Bantam - Midget, Five (5).

NRP Players (Non Resident Players) Under the OMHA rules, Guelph will accept an NRP player for their AA teams at the level of Minor Pee wee and above. The maximum number allowed is 3 NRP players allowed per roster. Players must live in the designated boundaries established by the OMHA in order to qualify. NRP players must be pre-registered with their Home centre for the upcoming season and present the NRP passport to be validated by the GMHA representative at the first Try-out.

Residents of Guelph (Guelph Centre) All returning players from the previous season that were registered with GMHA, Rep or House league programs or new Guelph Centre residents are able to attend try-outs provided they have purchased a Rep Try-Out Pass.

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2. How many evaluation sessions will there be and when do the players show up?

Every parent and player should be aware prior to evaluations of the number of opportunities that the player will have to be assessed. The 2014 GMHA tryout schedule will be posted on the GMHA website when finalized. The Rep Coach has the flexibility to schedule when the players attend their tryout. They will communicate this to the player by way of email or phone call if the player has pre-purchased a Rep tryout pass. Parents are to assume that they attend the first try-out unless they hear otherwise from the Head Coach.

3. What is being evaluated?

Player Selection criteria are specific to age and level and shall be evaluated using drills that aim to allow players to demonstrate specific skills, tactics, behaviours and overall hockey knowledge and intellect.

4. Who will perform the player evaluations and how are they used in the Selection Process?

Off-ice evaluators will be responsible to evaluate every player on the ice during the time allotted. Evaluators generally include: the Head Coach, evaluators of the Head Coach's choosing, and independent evaluators assigned by GMHA for Parent coaches and staff officials.

5. What should my son/daughter wear to the evaluation?

Full equipment is always mandatory.

Players will be assigned and provided a numbered jersey

To help ensure fairness and transparency evaluators will only be provided with the players' jersey numbers and will not be provided with players' names or other identifiers.

6. How will players be notified of their standing within the tryout process?

***** NEW this year: *** Players will no longer wait around following tryout sessions to be informed of their status at the rink. The only exception will be the final try out at each level.**

Players will be informed of their status by accessing the teams' website via a coach provided password. The results will be posted within 4 hours of the conclusion of the tryout session. Questions regarding the selection results may be submitted via email to the Director of Rep not directly to the coach. Any emails sent directly to the Head Coach will not be reviewed. The Director of Rep will review the selection data and confirm the selection result with the list provided by the Head Coach.

Questions regarding an individual's evaluation may be submitted to the Head Coach via email following a one-week grace period after the conclusion of tryouts for that team.

7. Will players be evaluated in both skill evaluation and game environments?

For those players advancing through all stages of the tryout process there will be an opportunity to exhibit the range of skills that they possess in both skill evaluation and game settings. The breakdown of skill and game situation evaluations will be determined by the Head Coach.

8. What happens after the final evaluation session?

Upon the completion of the final evaluation session, each remaining candidate will either be offered a roster spot on the team or asked to begin the tryout at the next level. This is a face-to-face meeting with the candidate, a parent or guardian, the head coach, and a representative from the GMHA board. Any player refusing a Rep position offered by the coach will be reviewed by the GMHA and may be prevented from attending any further tryouts.

Players/ Parents that have signed and agreed to play with a team agree to Register and pay in full the base fee to GMHA. Failure to do so will result in an automatic suspension for the player.

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9. What happens when a player is not selected for a team?

Players who are not selected for a team will be instructed to check the tryout schedule for the next level and must attend the first session for that level to be considered for that team.

Players who are not selected for an AE team or lowest level rep team, will automatically be placed on a House League team for next season and will be notified via email of team placement in the fall prior to the start of the House League season.

10. What level is a player required to try out for to play on a given team?

Guelph is a AAA zone and a AA centre. Players may declare not to try out at the AAA level, but must start at AA. All players are encouraged to try out at their highest possible level for their skill set.

11. Is a player required to try out for Rep or to be placed on a House League team?

No, players who do not wish to participate in the Rep programs may register directly for House League and are guaranteed placement on a team in the fall. GMHA does reserve the right to choose to offer a Select team at the various levels or not.

12. What happens if a player is sick or injured during Try-outs?

Players unable to Try-out must present to the Head coach and the Director of Rep Hockey, a doctor's note specifying that the player is physical unable to participate during try-outs. The note must include a suggested date for the player to be able to return to competitive play.

13. What happens if a player is away during Try-outs?

Players must attend tryouts to be eligible to be carded to a GMHA team. Exemptions from participating in a tryout must be requested and granted in advance by the Head Coach and Director of Representative Hockey. The Head Coach and Director of Rep are not obligated to grant any exemption request.

Should a player miss a tryout without an approved exemption, GMHA reserves the right to allow or disallow that player to be carded for Rep hockey for the next season.

14. What do you do if the player wants to play at a year above his eligibility?

Any player wishing to try-out for a team above his/her proper age group is eligible to try-out for the first entry team only. If he/she fails to make that team they must return to the proper age group. Where a player is playing at a division higher than their age group, the player must be evaluated to be in the top 5 players for the highest division, based on skill and ability and not solely on player game statistics.

Players wishing to play in a division above their age category in the must email the Director of Rep of their intentions no later than April 1st.

If the movement is at a coach's request, the coach must first notify the Director of Representative Hockey prior to the 1st try-out. Head Coaches are not to speak to the player directly. Parents may not approach a coach to discuss the movement of their child.

15. How many players will each team carry?

All rep teams shall carry a minimum of seventeen (17) players (15 skaters + 2 goalies) unless otherwise approved by the GMHA board.

I acknowledge that I have read the above Try-Out information and wish to purchase a Try-Out pass.

[Try Out Pass](#)