

A primary objective of Belleville Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) is to provide information to players and parents in order to establish a clear and transparent selection process for all representative teams. Please note that portions of this are only guidelines and that adjustments may be made in the interests of player development on a case-by-case basis with agreement from the Coach, Coach Mentor (if applicable) as well as the Executive.

In addition, it is the responsibility of BMHA and its members to meet level of play requirements in accordance with the OMHA guidelines. These guidelines include that an Association may not enter a team in a lower level of play if there is no team entered in the immediate level above. For example, BMHA must enter an "AA" team if it wishes to enter an "A" team. This stipulation applies to all levels and ages in the Rep system. BMHA encourages players to compete at the appropriate level of competition to maximize their development both as players and individuals. A selection process occurs each year in order to formulate competitive teams. Any player who is register with BMHA for the Season and is a current resident of Belleville (OMHA Reg. E 6 & 7) can attend tryouts.

We recognize that the decision to play at a certain level is a family decision and that the overall wellbeing of the player is the priority. However, please keep in mind that playing at a level below the player's true skill level denies your child and the teams their best chance to succeed and advance. Therefore, in an effort to balance your decision with the objectives of BMHA and the OMHA guidelines, we have developed the BMHA Tryout Policy and Guidelines for all age categories and levels of play below;

TRYOUT POLICY

1. **Players are expected to attend all of the tryout sessions for the team they wish to play for. Players wishing to play rep hockey must attend the AA tryouts at every level in order to be eligible for A.**
2. Teams wishing to compete at A require a minimum of 13 players including a goalie in order to maintain a team, should any division be unable to obtain sufficient numbers the BMHA reserves the right to combine the Minor and Major A divisions.
3. Players wishing to play up an age category must first attend, within their appropriate age category. If the players intention is to attend tryouts for the age category one level of play higher than their appropriate age category then intent from the parent must be provided to BMHA by way of email **two weeks in advance** to office@bellevilleminorhockey.ca and if the request falls under the OMHA Guidelines for tryouts an independent assessor will be present at your tryouts for evaluations. Any player allowed to move forward will be eligible only for tryouts at the AA level and must be assessed by a BMHA appointed



representative as falling within the Top 3 Forward, Top 2 Defence, and Top Goaltender. A Blind Evaluation will be done in these circumstances.

- No team will be permitted to carry more than 1 (one) underage player.
- Underage NRP are not permitted under OMHA regulation 3.6

Should the underage player meet the above requirement (Top 1, 2, 3 based on position above), BMHA will then notify the coach that the player is eligible to be considered for the higher team. It will then be the coach decision if they wish to offer the approved player a position on the team.

BMHA reserves the right to make the final decision regarding player movement.

4. For teams entering Body Checking (U14 Tryouts), proof of body checking clinic will be required.

5. **NRP Passports (OMHA Regulation)**

3. A player from an OMHA **AA base category Centre without A programming** may try out for

- a) AAA Zone as per the current regulations.

- b) Home Centre.

- c) If a player's AA Home Centre does not offer A programming the player, after trying out for his Home AA team, may try out for one (1) OMHA A base category Centre nearest to his residence. As always, please consult the OMHA Rep for the appropriate category or the Executive Director for any clarification of this policy.

BMHA will issue BB NRP Passports as per OMHA Regulation 3.5 e)

A player will have fulfilled their tryout commitments with the BMHA once they have completed both AA and A tryouts and were not given an Offer of Commitment.

6. BMHA accepts Non-Resident Players (NRP) players as per OMHA Regulation 3.5 (at the AA level only PW Minor and above). BMHA also Issues NRP Passports, players that have been issued NRP Passports and Permission to Skate Forms are eligible to return to BMHA after cuts from issued centers regardless of BMHA tryout start dates

