



REP TRYOUT POLICY

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Unless otherwise indicated by Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation, or Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the following shall apply:

Peterborough Hockey Association (PHA) is classified as an 'AA' Centre in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and therefore, an "AA" team shall be selected prior to any other Rep teams. Once this has occurred, PHA will then select an "A" team, and then a "C" team if applicable.

1. **PASSPORTS:**

All players wishing to try out for a PHA Rep team shall be required to purchase a Tryout Passport before the purchase deadline, and at a cost determined by PHA. There shall be no extensions to the passport deadline and if a passport is not purchased before the deadline, the player shall not be eligible to try out for Rep hockey within PHA. This passport shall be valid for the entire tryout process.

The purchase of a passport entitles a player to attend a total of three (3) tryouts. This may be a combination of tryouts (eg. AA, A, C), and does not mean a player receives three (3) tryouts per team.

2. **NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS:**

PHA invites Non-Resident Players (NRP's) to try out for AA division at U12 and above. As per OMHA, the maximum number of NRP's allowed per team is three (3). NRP eligible players must be pre-registered with their home centre, and possess an NRP approved Permission To Skate (PTS) form from their home centre to PHA tryouts. If you are an NRP player and do not produce a PTS form from your home centre at the first tryout, you will not be permitted on the ice.

NRP's are NOT guaranteed a minimum number of tryouts. NRP's will be required to pay as they go, and to purchase the PHA tryout passport at a cost of \$35.00 per skate. You will be required to produce a current receipt for each skate.

3. **TRYOUT GUIDELINES:**

Players must first tryout for the 'AA' team, or equivalent, in order to be eligible to play on a team below 'AA' for the upcoming season. Only if released by the 'AA' coach may the player try out for the next level of Representative Hockey.

Players who played 'AAA' or 'AA' in the previous season are not required to attend the first 'AA' tryout.

Coaches & Tryout Evaluators

Upon being awarded a team for the upcoming season, Coaches may be visible throughout the remainder of the season to observe possible player selections. Coaches may observe players in game situations as well as practice situations. Information gathered may be used to inform decisions when a coach is selecting their team.

All tryouts shall include evaluators and on-ice instructors who are not connected to the team (ie do not have a player trying out for the team), and have no known conflicts of interest with any players trying out. These evaluators shall be spread throughout the rink and might not be visible, but will be there on behalf of the PHA executive.

With the exception of the coach, parents, relatives, friends of any players trying out shall not be permitted to be evaluators and/ or on-ice instructors during a tryout. Coaches may however, choose one (1) staff member (*preferably a Trainer*) before the tryouts commence, and this selection shall be made known to those trying out. All other bench staff selections shall be named after the team is selected.

4. PLAYING AT THE CORRECT LEVEL:

Players may not request a release from a team/ level. If a player trying out for a team is offered a spot on a PHA team, the player must play at that level. Players will not be permitted to drop down a level if they have been offered a spot on a team at a higher level. The PHA's role is to develop all players and to do this correctly, players should be playing at the appropriate level of play. Regardless of skill level, any player who declines an offer to play on a Rep team shall be placed in house league for the season.

In the event that PHA has intentions to roster a non-contact team, any player may decline to try out for a higher level of if the player desires to play non-contact Rep hockey, In those instances, the player shall be required to declare this choice prior to the commencement of tryouts.

5. TRYOUT EXEMPTIONS

Players **must** attend tryouts to be eligible to be rostered to a PHA Rep team. Requests for an exemption from participating in a tryout due to illness or injury must be requested on the day of the first tryout. Requests shall be submitted directly to the Head Coach, and the Divisional Rep Director shall be copied in any correspondence. The coach and the PHA REP Executive *are not obligated to grant any exemption request*.

Should a player miss a tryout without an approved exemption they shall not be eligible to be rostered to a PHA Rep team. Should a player have an exemption request denied and choose not to try out for the team, that player shall be placed in house league for the season.

6. OFFER OF COMMITMENT:

Coaches may provide a player with an Offer of Commitment as early as the first tryout at the level in which that coach is coaching. No Offers of Commitment may be offered prior to the first tryout at the level in which that coach is coaching (ie. 'A' Coach cannot offer a player a spot while 'AA' tryouts are happening).

7. RELEASES:

Coaches may release players from tryouts as early as the first tryout, unless there is no possibility of the player totalling three (3) tryouts overall (ie AA coach may release after the first tryout, but the player will receive two tryouts at A if there is no C team).

Releases shall be completed through the PHA website, and shall not be completed in person at the arena. In the event that a parent/ player wishes to receive feedback following a release, they shall wait twenty-four (24) hours before requesting feedback from the coach.

OMHA regulations prohibit PHA from granting a release for a player to go to another centres. Players have a place to play Rep hockey within PHA and therefore, do not meet the requirements for an OMHA releases due to lack of Rep hockey status.

8. PASSPORT REFUNDS:

Players shall only be eligible for a refund of their PHA passport fees in they are successful at making a 'AAA' team. There shall be a ten dollar (\$10) administration charge on all refunds. No other refunds shall be provided.

Applications for refunds shall only be accepted if submitted electronically through the PHA website.