



NMHA REP / MD TRYOUT POLICY

Spring Tryouts: U14 to U16

- Must be a Newmarket resident to be eligible to participate in NMHA tryouts (NRP's excluded).
- If you were not registered with NMHA (exception NRP's) for the 2021-22 season, must contact the NMHA office first before purchasing a tryout passport to determine eligibility. The office will advise of any requirements that need to be completed to be able to participate in NMHA tryouts. New registrations will NOT be accepted at tryouts. Must be approved by the NMHA office.
- Players wishing to tryout for an older age group must follow the NMHA Age Exemption Policy and will need confirmation from the NMHA at least one week prior to the first tryout of the age group the player is trying out for. For further information, please refer to our "Rep Hockey Age Exemption Policy" in the documents section of our website:
- Pursuant to OMHA Regulation 3.5 Exemption to Play in Another Centre, NMHA is open to Non-Resident Players (NRP's) for U12 to U18. NRP players are only able to attend the AA tryouts and must have a NRP Tryout passport from their home association to attend.
- "MD" teams in U14 to U18 are non-body checking. Players that register for "MD" go directly to Tryout #6 on the schedule.
- Any player who wants to only tryout for MD in divisions U14 to U16 must purchase a tryout passport and select the appropriate "MD" team option which allows the athlete to go directly to the MD tryout. Players trying out for AA and A can elect to move directly to MD tryouts at any time (not required to attend any remaining AA or A tryouts) by notifying the coach via email.
- All players are reminded to wear proper equipment per the OMHA rules. This includes, mouth guards, neck protection and goalie 'dangles' (plastic neck guards). Players not wearing appropriate protection in compliance with OMHA rules will be removed from the ice surface.
- **All players/goalies including NRP's must purchase a Tryout Passport to participate in tryouts – [2022 Passport Registration](#)**

Procedure:

U14 to U16 Divisions:

This is for all players, including goalies, intending to play Representative Hockey (AA, A and MD).

Tryout 1:

This tryout is for players and goalies who played House League, including Select or “AE/MD” in the 2021-22 season, new registrants and new NRP’s (who did not play AA in Newmarket last season). Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Tryout 2:

This tryout is for players and goalies who played “AAA” or “AA” or “A” including returning NRP’s (played AA in Newmarket) during the 2021-22 season and for players and goalies invited back from the 1st tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Tryout 3:

This is the second “AA” tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Exhibition Game - Final “AA” Tryout for U14 to U16

Final “AA” tryout for U14 to U16 will be in the form of an exhibition game. Shortly after posting results from the second “AA” tryout, coaches will notify the parents of the athletes participating in the exhibition game via email. Following this exhibition game, the “AA” team will be selected and every effort will be made to have final results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the exhibition game. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information). The coach will arrange a team meeting to have Offer of Commitment letters signed.

Tryout 4:

This is the first “A” tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Tryout 5:

This is the second “A” tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Exhibition Game - Final “A” Tryout for U14 to U16

Final “A” tryout for U14 to U16 will be in the form of an exhibition game. Shortly after posting results from the second “A” tryout, coaches will notify the parents of the athletes participating in the exhibition game via email. Following this exhibition game, the “A” team will be selected and every effort will be made to have final results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the exhibition game. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information). The coach will arrange a team meeting to have Offer of Commitment letters signed.

Tryout 6:

This is the first “MD” tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Tryout 7:

This is the second “MD” tryout. Following this tryout, every effort will be made to have results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the last tryout session. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information).

Exhibition Game - Final “MD” Tryout for U14 to U16

Final “MD” tryout for U14 to U16 will be in the form of an exhibition game. Shortly after posting results from the second “MD” tryout, coaches will notify the parents of the athletes participating in the exhibition game via email. Following this exhibition game, the “MD” teams will be selected and every effort will be made to have final results posted on the NMHA website within 12 hours of the exhibition game. (See instructions online and handed out at tryouts on how to access the information). The coach will arrange a team meeting to have Offer of Commitment letters signed.

****ALL EXHIBITION GAMES ARE TENTATIVE & SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO AN INTERSQUAD GAME PENDING SCHEDULE WITH OTHER CENTRES*****

Definitions:

First Teams: “AA”

NMHA first teams are defined, as the most competitive teams in our Association, and as such the **best players available must play for the first team in each category.**

Second Teams: “A”

NMHA second teams are defined as development teams, to enable our Association to develop players for the first teams.

These teams are made up of players who:

- Want to play Representative hockey and strive to get to the “AA” level.
- Attend “AA” tryouts and are released and make the “A” team.

Third Teams: “BB”

NMHA third teams are defined as development teams, to enable our Association to develop players for our first and second teams.

These teams are made up of players who:

- Want to play Representative hockey and strive to get to the “AA” and/or “A” level.
- Attended “AA” and “A” tryouts and are released and make the “BB” team.

MD Teams (U8, U9 & U14 to U18)

This is a Minor Development team that is not a rep program, but is competitive and separate from house league. This is a non-body checking competitive division from U14 to U18.

*Development of players is the **prime function** of our second and third teams, and these teams must provide players through affiliation to our first “AA” and second “A” teams.*