

## Frequently asked Rep Hockey Tryout Questions 2023-24

### 1. Who may attend Tryouts?

- All players who are registered to Halton Hills Minor Hockey may attend the Rep Hockey tryouts.
- Non-Resident Players (NRP) from outside centres can tryout for **AA only** with HHMH
  - If the NRP player is not successful in making an AA team with HHMH, they are to return to their home centre. NRP players must register with their home centre to obtain an OMHA approved passport. OMHA regulations for NRP are located within the OMHA Manual of Operations ([www.omha.net](http://www.omha.net)). NRP players should email [accountant@haltonhillshockey.com](mailto:accountant@haltonhillshockey.com) if planning on attending HHMH tryouts to aid in tryout sign-in.

### 2. What division does my child tryout for?

U8 - 2016 birth year, evaluations held in September.

U9 - 2015 birth year, evaluations held in September.

U10 - 2014 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U11 - 2013 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U12 - 2012 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U13 – 2011 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U14 – 2010 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U15 – 2009 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U16 – 2008 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

U18 – 2006/2007 birth year, tryouts held in spring 2023.

### 3. How do I determine where my participant is to start tryouts?

**Goaltenders U10 to U18 (AA, A, BB)** Goalies trying out for a rep team are required to attend the AA tryouts.

**U14 to U18 - AA and A (Body Checking) Rep Hockey Tryouts:** Players who want to tryout to play AA/A are required to attend the AA tryouts.

**U14 to U18 – BB (non-body checking) Rep Tryouts:**

- 1) Players who want to tryout to play BB (non-body contact) can start tryouts at the BB level.

**4. Will HHMH be having teams at all levels AA, A and BB team?**

HHMH will make every effort to field competitive rep teams, however, HHMH reserves the right to add or remove teams at any age level, based on registration, skill level of the team, not enough teams to compete in our league Tri-county, and the direction of the OMHA.

Where we have a large interest and skill level in an age group, we are able to have more than one division (2 AA teams, 2 A teams or 2 BB teams) when there are more than one division in an age group, in particular U14 to U18 (example 2 AA teams or 2 A teams), it may result in not having a BB team in an age group.

**5. My child is released from AA, can I skip the A tryout and go directly to BB tryout?**

No, any player that is released from AA, must attend the A tryout to continue in the Rep Hockey Stream. Unless the executive and Head Coach have approved the movement from AA tryouts to BB.

**6. How much will the Rep tryouts cost per player?**

This information can be found under Registration/General Information on our web page.

**7. Where are the tryouts being held?**

Tryouts will be held at the MMSP in Georgetown. Please refer to the tryout schedule for dates, times, and location.

**8. My child has a conflict during the tryouts, what do we do?**

If your child has a conflict for field lacrosse, rep baseball, rep soccer, rep football, or a dance competition, vacation, etc., the player's parents are required to email the Head Coach of the team the player is trying out for.

If a current HHMH registered player is unable fulfill the obligations to attend a Rep tryout for 2023-24 season due to extenuating circumstances, the Director of Hockey Operations and President may review with the Head Coaches of the affected divisions. In any case, the player must have had played in the division during the 2022/23 Season that they are requesting an exemption from.

**9. My child was rostered on a HHMH team during the previous season and has an injury or is sick and cannot tryout, what do we do?**

Report any player injuries or illness that will prevent the player from trying out for a rep team to the head coach of the team. The head coach will advise HHMH Head Trainer and Director of Hockey. A doctor's note may be requested. The Head coach of each division will advise further instructions. Please note, there is no guarantee that your player will be rostered to the rep team. **Note: A tryout card must be purchased for all injured players that intend on trying out for rep hockey, regardless of if they are able to attend a skate.**

**10. What is a Tryout Tracking Number (TTN)?**

All players trying out for a HHMH rep team will be provided with a Tryout Tracking Number (TTN). Parents will receive your child's TTN via email, prior to the first tryout. If you did not receive it, please inquire at the sign in table.

After receiving their TTN, players will proceed to the "team sign in table" to check in with the coach.

**11. How will my child know what tryouts to attend after their first on-ice session tryout?**

All players will be informed within a reasonable time frame (usually 2 to 4 hours) via the website. With HHMH tryouts being a mix of on-ice sessions and exhibition games (TBD), please see below as to what to expect during the tryouts: (releasing and selection of players). Note – if the player has been selected to play in an exhibition game, the final team selection and releases will not be made until a minimum of 3 hours following the final exhibition game for that category. Also, follow instructions put by the coach on the tryout list page for the applicable division on the website as any delays etc. may be posted here.

Example: The player has been selected to play in exhibition game 1 for the AA team and was not released after exhibition game 1 and is not playing in exhibition game 2, the player can still be released after exhibition game 2. The Head Coach may require more time with decisions based on watching the players in exhibition game 2.

*Please note: Exhibition games are to be determined still pending approval.*

Goalies trying out at the goalie clinics are still to attend the tryouts as no releases will be made at the clinics. The goalie clinics are set up to allow the goaltenders the opportunity to be evaluated prior to tryouts.

As per the Tryout Information and FAQ information above, the player will start at their applicable entry/option point. From there:

After the first on ice skate, the player will go to the HHMH website, find their division trying out for and select the **Tryout Player List**. When you go to that list and it is updated (it may show that it is not displayed due to coach currently updating the page), you will see CODE and

STATUS as headers. The code shows the TTN (tryout tracking number) on the left and STATUS on the right. Possible outcomes are:

1. If STATUS shows “Released”, the player has been released from that division’s tryout and will then attend the next divisions tryout for the first on ice skate.
2. If STATUS is blank, you will return for the next on ice skate. If after the last on ice skate, it shows blank, there is an opportunity (by invite only) to attend an exhibition game(s) scheduled for that division. To see if your player is to attend one of those games, look to the coach notes on the Tryout Player List to look for the list of TTNs that will be attending the game or other notes regarding that division’s tryouts.
3. After the final tryout skate/game on that division’s schedule the final selections/releases will be made.

### **12. What will the tryout schedule look like?**

See schedule on the HHMH website under Tryouts.

### **13. Who will be evaluating the players during tryout process?**

All Head coaches will put together a team of evaluators for each age group and division.

Requests for independent evaluations of an individual player can be requested. This can be requested via email to the Director of Operations/Director of Rep. Emails can be found on the HHMH website.

### **15. How will the evaluators know who my child is on the ice?**

All players will be assigned a set of two jerseys that will have a number and colour assigned to each player. Each player will carry their jerseys assigned at the first tryout with them for all tryouts as the player owns the tryout jersey.

Evaluators **will not** be provided with the player’s name, only the jersey number and colour.

#### **Request for player evaluations:**

Evaluation forms can be requested for the division the player was last released from. All coaches will be working on a shared evaluation system and as the player finalizes the tryout process, the final coach making the release for that player will have the evaluation form.

All requests for player evaluations must be made in writing via email to the Head Coach of the division. Requests **must be made 24 hours after the final tryout** for the player and **must be made within 7 days of the player’s final tryout**. Coaches will respond no later than 2 to 3 days of the request.

**NOTE: Any communications considered harassment (e.g., inflammatory emails, texts, phone calls, social media posts) are subject to review by HHMH and High-Risk evaluation and applicable consequences under the HHMH social media and Electronics Policy. Further, any communication deemed harassment, the member/player will lose their right to an evaluation.**