Halton Hills Minor Hockey 2024-2025 Rep Tryout Policy

Tryout Information

- To try out for Rep Hockey, ALL PLAYERS/GOALIES must be registered, paid in full and have purchased a
 Tryout Card.
- Tryout cards may be purchased during online registration.
- Note below the OMHA designation of divisions has changed, adding a B (body checking division).
- HHMH will be offering the following divisions when/where applicable.
 - o U10 U13 AA, A, B (non-body checking)
 - o U14—U16 AA, A, B (body checking)
 - U14 to U18 BB (non-body checking)
 - o NOTE: Divisions below AA and A will be provided based on player registration.
- More information regarding illness, injuries, and any absent player throughout tryouts, visit our FAQ.
- Information regarding our NRP policy (U12 to U18 AA only, please visit our FAQ)

NOTE: It must be understood that HHMH Tryouts are conducted with all players in mind and at the same time have a responsibility of being realistic of season expectations to each division and team. This in mind, the Executive may have to make decisions as we move along. Therefore, the information below may be subject to change throughout the tryout process.

The following provides guidance based on flow for tryouts. It is important to remember that tryouts **are not intended as development or "extra skates" except as indicated by clinics.** Based on your player's desired level and considering body-checking vs non-body checking, please adhere to the following:

| U10 - U13 (all non-body checking) | | |
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| AA | Players (including goalies) wanting to play | |
| | Representative Hockey are required to start at | |
| | the AA level | |
| Α | Players who are released from the AA tryouts | |
| | are to attend the A tryouts. | |
| В | This season, as per the OMHA, the formally | |
| | known BB division is now B. | |
| | Players who are released from the A tryouts | |
| | attend the B tryouts. | |

| U14 - U18 Body Checking | | |
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| | Players start at AA. | |
| AA | All goalies who plan to tryout for a Rep | |
| | team are required to start at AA. | |
| Α | Players who are released from the AA | |
| | tryouts are to attend the A tryouts. | |
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| U18 | | |
| only | Players released from U18A Red tryouts | |
| | attend U18A White tryout. | |
| | The B division will only be offered based | |
| | on interest shown at the start of the body | |
| B* | checking tryouts (AA), information if | |
| D., | there will be a B division will be advised | |
| | after the AA tryouts and the A tryouts | |
| | begin. | |

| U14 - U18 Non-Body Checking | | | |
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| | This division is for players who do not | | |
| | want body checking and for those | | |
| BB | players released from the AA, A, B | | |
| ВВ | tryouts. Players who do not start at the | | |
| | AA tryouts start at BB. (See note below | | |
| | on B/BB hockey) | | |

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Pre-tryout Clinics

U10 to U13 Development (pre-tryouts)

Pre-development skates are prior to the start of tryouts. The development skates are recommended, not mandatory. Goalies may attend.

U10 to U18 Goalie Clinics

Goalie clinics are prior to tryouts. The goalie clinics are recommended, not mandatory.

U14, U15 Body Checking Clinics

All U14 players are required to attend the body checking clinics prior to the start of the AA tryouts. All U15 players are invited to attend the body checking clinics, however, any U15 player who wishes to tryout for AA and has not played a season of body checking are required to attend the clinics.

Goalies do not attend these clinics.

Information Regarding U14 to U16 B Division

This season, the OMHA has formed a <u>new B</u> (body checking) division. The B division will fall under AA and A. Based on this new division being added, the HHMH Rep Executive, along with coaches will need to make decisions during the tryout process once the player interest is known at the AA and A tryouts. If the player interest is present, the B division tryout will be formed throughout the A division tryouts, using the final exhibition game of the A tryouts.

As we move through the tryout process, players and parents will be informed via email on any information relating to the B and BB divisions.

Information Regarding U14 to U16 BB Division

History has shown that having 2 teams in the same division (i.e. 2 BB teams) has not resulted in an overly successful season for the players.

For the upcoming 2024-2025 season, the vision for U14-U16 is AA, A, BB. If the player interest and calibre exist, there may be AA, A, B, BB.

Although HHMH does not plan to roster two teams in the same division this coming season, for those age groups where there is a higher number of players at the tryouts, and in the event, we are not able to add a B division, consideration will be given to having 2 BB teams in U15 and U16 only (grandfathered from 2023 season).

Information Regarding U18A Red and U18A White Division

The HHMH Rep Executive have been monitoring the calibre and player Rep registration from the 2023 season for the 2007 and 2008 birth years. For the upcoming 2024 season, the U18 division will have a U18AA, U18A Red, U18A White, and U18BB division. Pending player attendance at the upcoming tryouts, if there are revisions to be made to the planned divisions, players and parents will be informed via email.