

HMMH Information for Representative Hockey Tryouts 2019-2020

ALL players must be registered with HMMH and purchase a tryout card to tryout for a Thunder Rep Team. Novice and below tryouts are in the fall, do not purchase a tryout card at this time.

IMPORTANT – TRYOUT cards are being sold online with your registration this season for \$110.00. If you wait and pay at the gate the tryout card fee is \$135.00.

Any player who was rostered on a Thunder Rep team during the 2018-19 Season is required to attend the AA tryouts to qualify to play rep for the upcoming season with the following exceptions:

Players previously rostered as MD, Select or House League, have the following options:

- Start at the AA tryouts;
- Bypass AA and start at the A tryouts;
- Or bypass AA/A/AE (where applicable) and tryout only for MD

Please Note: If AA tryout was bypassed, **the player is expected to attend the A level tryouts to qualify for a Rep team**. Where applicable, AA and A cannot be bypassed to tryout for AE. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be made. (See #10 of FAQ).

NRP Players may attend tryouts starting at Minor Peewee AA to Midget AA. NRP players are only able to attend the AA tryouts and must have a passport to attend. NRP players will pay per tryout at the sign in gate. If possible, please email Brenda Geim (yprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com) and CC: accountant@haltonhillshockey.com if planning on attending as an NRP to aid in tryout sign in.

Payment structure for NRP tryouts (pay as you go):

- **Skate 1 - \$37.00**
- **Skate 2 - \$37.00**
- **Skate 3 - \$36.00**

Goalie Clinics – all goalies that are attending tryouts for a representative team are invited to pre-tryout goalie clinics. The goalie clinics provide our coaches a great opportunity to view only goaltenders prior to the tryouts. The clinics are not mandatory. No releases will be made at the goalie clinics.

Exhibition games are invite only.

PLAYER COMMITMENT

All players trying out for AA/A/AE/MD are expected to commit to the team they are selected to. Further, if a player is released to the next division down, they are expected to tryout for that division and not bypass to a division further down the list. (e.g.e AA-AE).

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Frequently asked Rep Hockey Tryout Questions

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 (Minor Pee wee and above) if the NRP is not successful in making a 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). NRP players should email vprep@haltonhillsmminorhockey.com and CC: accountant@haltonhillshockey.com if planning on attending HHMH tryouts to aid in tryout sign-in.

2. What division does my child tryout for?

¹Minor Novice – 2012 born

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Minor Atom – 2010 born

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Minor Pee wee – 2008 born

Pee wee – 2007 born

Minor Bantam – 2006 born

Bantam – 2005 born

Minor Midget – 2004 born

Midget – 2003/2002 born

<p>¹ Minor Novice and Novice Tryouts will be September 2019. Do not purchase a tryout card at this time.</p>

3. My child currently plays on an A category rep team, is my child required to attend the AA tryouts?

Yes, all HHMH current rep players who were rostered on an AE or above division, are required to try-out for AA to qualify to play representative hockey in the 2019/20 season.

4. My child currently plays MD or HL and Select and wishes to tryout for rep hockey this season, is my child required to attend the AA tryouts?

No, any player that currently is playing HL or select team that wishes to bypass the AA skates may do so. Any MD/HL/Select players that have bypassed the AA try-out are required to attend the first tryout for the A rep team (skill session) in order to qualify to play representative hockey in the 2019/20 season.

5. My child wishes to only tryout and play MD Recreational Hockey (non-contact league), does my child need to attend the AA and A tryouts?

No, any player that wishes to tryout and play MD hockey needs only to attend the MD tryouts.

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

The Rep tryout if purchased online is \$110.00. If you purchase rep tryout card at the gate the fee is \$135.00. All players from HHMH must register and pay the Basic Registration (HL Fee) to be eligible for tryouts. This information can be found under Registration/General Information on our web page.

7. Why have the fees increased this year for a tryout card?

Based on membership feedback, HHMH has hired instructors to run all on ice skill sessions, goalie session. Also, we have continued with our practice of using exhibition games which require time keepers and referees. HHMH has also allowed the hired instructors to provide evaluation support where required.

8. I am an NRP player, how much will the Rep tryouts cost per player?

NRP players do not pre-purchase tryout cards, below is the payment structure for NRP players:

Tryout 1 - \$37.00

Tryout 2 - \$37.00

Tryout 3 - \$36.00

NRP players should email vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com and CC: accountant@haltonhillshockey.com if planning to attend a AA tryout.

9. Where are the tryouts being held?

Tryouts will be held at Mold-masters arena in Georgetown on Pad D check schedule for any changes prior to tryouts. Tryout Schedule can be found on our website under Tryouts.

Exhibition games are being held at both MMSP and Milton Sportsplex.

10. 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, etc., the player's parents are required to email the VP of Rep Hockey at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com and inform of the conflict. **Please follow up with the Head Coach as well.**

If a current 2018-19 HHMH registered player* is unable fulfill the obligations to attend a Rep tryout for 2019-20 season due to extenuating circumstances, the VP Representative Hockey may review with the Head Coaches of the affected divisions to request a release of the player to the lower division. If approved, the player can then attend the level of tryouts they are released to. If the release is not granted and at the conclusion of tryouts, the coach wishes to sign the player and the player/parent(s) decline, pending Executive review, the player may be mandated to play House League for that season.

* Example: HHMH coaches will not release a player from trying out at the AA/A level to only tryout for AE that has not played for HHMH in the previous season.

11. My child is currently playing HL and wishes to bypass the AA tryouts, however has a conflict during the A on-ice session tryout, what do we do?

If your child (previously MD/HL/Select only) wishes to bypass the AA skates and has a conflict for the only (A) on-ice session tryout prior to the exhibition games, the player will then need to attend the AA on ice session to qualify for a rep team. The logic here is that the coach for the (A) team will be attending the AA skates evaluating players. Please email the VP of Rep Hockey at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com and inform of the conflict. **As well, please follow up with the Head Coaches for the AA and A teams as well.**

12. My child is currently rostered on a HHMH team and has an injury or is sick and cannot tryout, what do we do?

Any player injuries or illness that will prevent the player from trying out for a rep team will need to be reported to the VP of Hockey via email at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com. Follow up with the Head Coach of the AA/A/AE/MD team to advise them that your child will not be able to tryout. A doctor's note will be requested. The Head coach of each division will advise further instructions.

Note: A tryout card must be purchased for all injured players that intend on trying out for rep hockey, regardless if they are able to attend a skate.

13. What is a Tryout Tracking Number (TTN)?

All players trying out for Thunder will be provided with a Tryout Tracking Number (TTN). Players will receive their TTN during sign in at the first tryout at the sign in table, provided they have purchased a tryout card. TTNs will not be emailed for the 2019-2020 season as they have in the past.

After receiving their TTN, players will proceed to the team sign in table in order to sign in to receive a pinnie.

14. 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, 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.

Further, for some AE/MD divisions that may be having a 3rd or 4th exhibition game. Head coaches may take until the final exhibition game to make final decisions.

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.

15. How do the tryouts work?

Basically, the layout for tryout sessions are as follows

AA Tryouts

2 on ice skates
2 exhibition games

A Tryouts

2 on ice skate
2 exhibition games

AE Tryouts

1 on ice skate
2 exhibition games

MD Tryouts

1 on ice skate
2 exhibition games

Note: The above is the basic outline which may change due to changing/fluid requirements during tryouts.

As per the Tryout Information and FAQ information above, the player will start at AA or A as applicable (unless trying out straight to MD division).

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.

16. Who will be evaluating the players during tryout process?

All Head coaches along with HHMH 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 VP of Rep Hockey at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com

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

All players will be assigned a jersey that will have a number and colour assigned to each player.

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.

Example; a player released from AA to A and makes the A team can request an evaluation from the AA division coach. A player released from A to AE and makes the AE team can request an evaluation from the A division coach. A player released to select can request an evaluation from the AE coach/or MD coach.

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.