

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 (U12 to U18) 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 accountant@haltonhillshockey.com if planning on attending HHMH tryouts to aid in tryout sign-in.

2. What division does my child tryout for?

U8 - 2014 birth year
U9 - 2013 birth year
U10 - 2012 birth year
U11 - 2011 birth year
U12 - 2010 birth year
U13 – 2009 birth year
U14 – 2008 birth year
U15 – 2007 birth year
U16 – 2006 birth year
U18 – 2005/2004 birth year

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 in 2019, are required to try-out for AA to qualify to play representative hockey in the 2020/22 season.

4. My child currently plays MD or HL/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 2021/22 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, a player that wishes to tryout for MD may attend the MD tryouts only.

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 both the MMSP in Georgetown and at The ACC in Acton, please refer to the tryout schedule for dates, times and location.

**The tryout Schedule is planned to be posted the last week of August 2021 and will be located on the HHMH website under the tryout tab.*

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, etc., the player's parents are required to email the Director of Hockey Operations at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com and inform of the conflict. **Please also follow up with the Head Coach of the age group/division.**

If a current HHMH registered player* is unable fulfill the obligations to attend a Rep tryout for 2021-22 season due to extenuating circumstances, the Director of Hockey Operations and President 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.

HHMH 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.

9. 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. [Rationale, this will allow the Head Coach for the (A) team to evaluate the player's skill level for the A level team at the AA tryout] Please email the Director of Hockey Operations at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com to inform of the conflict. **As well, please follow up with the Head Coaches for the AA and A teams.**

10. 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?

Any player injuries or illness that will prevent the player from trying out for a rep team will need to be reported to the Director of Hockey via email at vprep@haltonhillsminorhockey.com. Follow up with the Head Coach of the team your child previously was rostered to. A doctor's note will 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 if they are able to attend a skate.

11. 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). Players will receive their TTN during sign in at the first tryout at the sign in table, provided they have purchased a tryout card.

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

12. 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.

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.

13. What will the tryout schedule look like?

Basically, the layout for tryout sessions are as follows

AA Tryouts

3 to 4 on ice skates

2 exhibition games (TBD pending approval)

A Tryouts

3 on ice skate

2 exhibition games (TBD pending approval)

AE Tryouts

2 on ice skates

2 exhibition games (TBD pending approval)

MD Tryouts

2 on ice skate

2 exhibition games (TBD pending approval)

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.

14. 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 Head Coach the player was released from. Emails for coaches are 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.