

ST. MARYS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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SMMHA 2019-20 TRYOUT POLICY

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Tryouts and Eligibility

For 2019-20, spring tryouts will be held in April 2019 (see website for dates/times once posted) for the following divisions/ teams:

- Novice Girls B/C
- Atom Girls B/C
- Pee wee Girls B/C
- Bantam Girls B/C
- Midget Girls B/C

For 2019-20, fall tryouts will be held in September 2019 (see website for dates/times once posted) for the following divisions/teams:

- Novice Boys BB
- Atom Boys BB and AE
- Pee wee Boys BB and AE
- Bantam Boys BB and AE
- Midget Boys BB and AE

All players attending tryouts for a boys' team must be registered with the SMMHA for the 2019-20 season or provide a NRP passport (see NRP section below) from their home centre prior to tryouts. It shall be the responsibility of the SMMHA Registrar, Coaches Committee, and OMHA Rep to ensure that every player attending is eligible.

All players attending tryouts for a girls' team must be registered with SMMHA for the 2019-20 season or provide a permission to skate from their home centre prior to tryouts. It shall be the responsibility of the SMMHA Registrar, Coach Committee, and OWHA Rep to ensure that every player attending is eligible.

Non-Resident Player (NRP)

The SMMHA is open for accepting NRP Passports for boys' teams. Any player wishing to tryout on a NRP Passport, must contact the SMMHA OMHA Rep prior to the first tryout. No SMMHA home center registered player can be dislodged from playing hockey in the SMMHA, which would be caused by accepting a NRP Passport player. All OMHA rules pertaining to NRP Passports must be followed.

Tryout Fee

Players must pay a fee of \$40 for each division tryout and have the fee paid in full prior to the first ice time. The fee is collected by SMMHA during tryout registration at the arena prior to first ice time.

Tryouts

The SMMHA will publish on the SMMHA website all tryout dates and times for REP Novice to Midget boys and girls teams.

- Novice Boys BB team will have 3 (60min) tryout ice times
- Atom to Midget Boys BB teams will have 2 (60min) and 2 (1.5 hr.) tryout ice times
- Boys AE teams will have 2 (60min) and 1 (1.5 hr.) tryout ice times
- Girls B/C teams will have 4 (60min) tryout ice times.

It is expected that all players wishing to play for a REP team must attend and fully participate in tryouts held for that team. Players must attend at least one of the first two tryouts for the REP boys BB or girls B team (if applicable) and be released before trying out for the REP boys AE or girls C team at his/her age division. After the first tryout ice time, the Coach and Division Rep will hold a parent/player meeting to outline his/her coaching philosophy, discuss his/her objectives for the year, and tryout details. Novice age players will be able to attend all tryout ice times. All other age players can be released after the second ice time (BB/B tryout) and first ice time (AE/C tryout) and each subsequent tryout ice time until the final tryout ice time when the team will be finalized. Players cannot be released at an away exhibition game.

Any player not wanting to attend BB/B team tryouts prior to AE/C team tryouts must submit a request and be approved prior to the start of BB/B tryouts. Requests must be in writing and submitted to the Coaches Committee Chair five (5) days prior to first tryout date.

If a player has a medical issue and cannot attend the tryouts, he/she must contact the Coach and SMMHA Coaches Committee Division Rep. prior to tryout. A meeting between the Coach and the SMMHA Coaches Committee will take place to determine how that player will be considered in team selection.

The tryout process is a chance for the coaching staff to identify potential players for the team and every effort will be given to ensure a transparent evaluation and selection process is completed. The coaching staff shall avoid actions that show favoritism to any players. Home and away exhibition games may be used as part of the evaluation process. No releases can be made at an away exhibition game. Exhibition games must be completed prior to the final home tryout ice time.

SMMHA Coach Committee Division Reps will be present during the tryouts. The SMMHA 24 Hour Policy must be followed during tryouts. Any issues or concerns during tryouts must be raised with the Division Rep and/or Coaches Committee Chair. The Division Rep will be responsible for speaking with the coaching staff.

SMMHA reserves the right to adjust tryout schedules, ice times, and/or to grant or not grant player movement for the betterment of SMMHA and its players, respecting OMHA/OWHA regulations.

Underage/Exceptional Player Rule

Any player requesting the opportunity to tryout as an underage/exceptional player for a higher age division must concurrently try out in his/her own age division. A player may tryout one age level higher than they would normally play for, having approval of their parent(s) or legal guardian, and will be subject to the following criteria:

- Notify the Coaches Committee Chair at least five (5) days prior to the first tryout date;
- Must possess exceptional skills; and
- Must be deemed a top player at their own age division as well as the higher age division.

The above conditions apply to goaltenders with the added condition that his/her movement does not deplete the team and or division from where they would normally play, from having adequate goalkeeping.

The SMMHA Coaches Committee will assign an Evaluation Committee (minimum of three objective observers) to assess the player during tryouts. The player must be deemed by the Evaluation Committee and Coach to be a top player to be permitted to remain in tryouts for the higher age division team. If the player is deemed not to be a top player, then he/she shall return to his/her own age division. Should a dispute arise as to the assessment of the player, the SMMHA Coaches Committee (in consultation with player/parents/Coach/Evaluation Committee) will make the final decision.

If SMMHA feels in any way that a player is at risk for injury, said player will not be permitted to try out at higher age division. No player can be dislodged from playing hockey in the SMMHA, which would be caused by any such movement of a player. Should this occur the movement would become NULL and VOID.

Coaches Committee Division Reps (refer to SMMHA website for contact information):

Novice - Melissa Rintoul | Atom - John Bolton | Peewee - Ken Schiedel | Bantam - Kevin DeNeve | Midget - Greg Smale
Chair - Mark Brintnell