



# REP TRYOUT PROCESS 2019

The following outlines Burnaby Minor Hockey Association's rep evaluation and selection process for this season. Changes have been made since last year, so please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the information.

## REGISTRATION FOR REP TRYOUTS

- All players wishing to play rep will pay a "try-out" fee and will have registered for tryouts by 11:59pm, August 1, 2019.
- A player registering for tryouts must state a position: goalie, forward, or defence. A player can only try out for the position indicated and may not switch during the evaluation process.
- Before participating in the tryout sessions, players must be fully registered with BMHA and have paid all the fees.
- For rep tryouts in Bantam and above, every player must have completed a bodychecking clinic, either through or approved by BMHA.
- Players who have not met the above requirements may not be allowed on the ice for the rep tryout session.

## GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A schedule for the rep tryout sessions will be posted by mid-August and posted online on the BMHA website.
- Each player must check-in at the registration desk prior to the start of each time.
- A signed copy of the BMHA Rep "A" Hockey Player / Family Commitment & Expectation Agreement must be handed into the registration desk at the first check-in.
- **Players must wear a black or dark navy blue jersey for tryouts – no other colours are allowed.**
- At the start of each tryout session, players will sign in and be issued a numbered pinnie for identification during the rep tryouts. Pinnies are to be returned after each session.
- Only players and designated volunteers will be allowed in the dressing rooms. For players who require assistance with their equipment, they will be required come into the lobby for parental help or can be helped in the dressing room by volunteers.
- All players within each division will be assessed by a committee comprised of the Director of Hockey Development, the head coaches for that division, and 2 other independent evaluators. Goalies will be evaluated by the same committee as well as an independent goalie evaluator.
- **A short 5 minute parent meeting will be held prior to the first sessions for each attendee in order to introduce the evaluators and briefly review the tryout process.** The parent meetings will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at Kensington Arena.
- There shall be no communication between parents and evaluators. We ask all attendees to respect this rule – please recognize that our evaluators are not being rude or avoiding conversation, it is simply a requirement in order to eliminate any perception of favouritism.
- Viewing areas will be designated in such a manner as to discourage any contact or discussion between parents or players and the evaluators.

## ATTENDANCE

- All players trying out for rep hockey are expected to attend ALL tryout sessions.
- A player who has registered for rep hockey but is unable to attend tryouts due to sickness or injury must provide, no later than August 31, 2019 and before taking the ice for any further rep evaluations, a letter from a physician confirming this. In such circumstances:
  - If the player's injury prevents the player from completing the tryout process, the player will be assessed by the rep coaches for that division and/or BMHA executive after the earliest medical approval date.
  - A rep coach may hold a position on his/ her team if he/ she is positive that the player, as shown from his/ her past history, would make that team. This must be approved by the Vice President of Rep Hockey and the Head Coach.
  - This position may only be held for an injured player if the player has a doctor's letter stating the player is expected to be able to play hockey by October 31, 2019.
  - If a position is held for an injured player, that player must pay the rep tryout fees and any associated rep fees prior to playing with the team.
- A player who has registered for rep hockey at the Midget who must miss any rep tryout session due to conflicting attendances at major midget or junior team tryouts must provide 24 hour prior notification to the Vice President of Rep Hockey via email.
- A player who has registered for rep hockey but is unable to attend a rep tryout session due to exceptional personal circumstances must seek permission in advance of the session to be missed by way of a letter/ email to the Vice President of Rep Hockey who will determine whether to approve the request.
- Should any of the tryout sessions be missed other than being due to injury, illness or exceptional circumstances, this is at the discretion of the family and in doing so forfeits their ability or right to express any issues or discontent over the amount of evaluation the player received during the attended sessions.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Players will be evaluated on their on-ice and off-ice performance, based on:
  - Skating
  - Shooting
  - Passing
  - Puck Control
  - Positional Play
  - Checking
  - Fitness (Strength, endurance, agility)
  - Attitude
  - Teamwork
  - Work ethic
  - Commitment
  - Desire
  - Discipline
  - Coachability
- **Players will also be monitored for appropriate shift lengths and ability to play with different linemates.**
- In an effort to develop the rep program, the rep coaches when forming teams shall endeavor to have a balance of players from the corresponding birth years for that division.
- As stated above, players and goaltenders will be evaluated by a committee appointed by BMHA Executive for each division. This committee will be comprised of the BMHA Director of Hockey Development, the head coaches for each division, and two additional independent evaluators.
- It is important to note that consideration of a player's attitude, level of discipline and coachability along with the family's level of commitment will be equally factored along with a player's technical skills.
- A player's/family's attitude and actions both in and away from a rink will be considered and deemed whether to be becoming of a rep player/family.

## **EVALUATION PROCESS**

### **FIRST ROUND**

- The first round of rep tryouts for players consist of the following:
  - Atom: one (1) on-ice players' skills evaluation session, and three (3) inter-squad games
  - Peewee: one (1) on-ice players' skills evaluation session, and three (3) inter-squad games
  - Bantam: one (1) on-ice skills evaluation session (players & goalies), and three (3) inter-squad games
  - Midget: a minimum of three (3) inter-squad games
  - Goalies trying out for all divisions must attend the supplemental evaluation sessions
- After the first round of tryouts, players are assigned to the Rep "A" Pool or released to the "C" (House) pool. It is intended that these First Round assignments and releases are made prior to September 8, 2019 for Atom, Peewee, Bantam and September 15, 2019 for Midget and posted on the BMHA website.
- Players whose names do not appear on the list will be contacted by Division Coordinators for "C" hockey.

### **SECOND ROUND**

- The second round of tryouts continues with the players assigned to the Rep "A" Pool continuing to be evaluated through a number of scrimmages, practices and exhibition games through the month of September.
- A second round of releases will occur in late September. After this, there should be no further releases and only final assignment of players within the Rep "A" pool onto team rosters. The Rep Coaches will assess and mutually agree on the final team rosters.
- The second round of releases must be done by the Rep coaching staff along with the Vice President Rep Hockey, in person and in private. Releases will be done with the utmost care, sensitivity and respect for everyone involved.
- Players in the Rep "A" pool may move between the A1, A2 or A3 rosters until the PCAHA deadline for player movement. No player will be released from the A1 team to C level without the approval of the Vice President of Rep Hockey and the Vice President of the appropriate C level division.