



REP TRYOUT PROCESS 2023

The following outlines Burnaby Minor Hockey Association's rep evaluation and selection process for this season. Changes have been updated 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, July 31, 2023.
- With the exception of U11, a player registering for tryouts must state a position: goalie, forward, or defence.
- Before participating in the tryout sessions, players must be fully registered with BMHA and have paid all the fees. **This cannot be changed after groupings are sent out.**
- For rep tryouts in U15 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 ice time.
- A signed copy of the BMHA Rep "A" Hockey Player / Family Commitment & Expectation Agreement (found on the website) must be handed into the registration desk at the first check-in.
- **Players must wear a black or dark navy blue jersey and goalies must wear a black or white jersey – no other colours are allowed for tryouts.**
- Players will be assigned a numbered pinnie for identification during the rep tryouts. Pinnies are to be returned (washed) after all sessions are completed and **before** results are given.
- All players within each division will be assessed by a committee comprised of the Development Team and Rep coaches. Goalies will be evaluated by the same committee as well as a goalie evaluator.
- Only players and designated volunteers will be allowed in the dressing room and bench area. For players who require assistance with their equipment, they can be helped in the dressing room by volunteers or in the lobby.

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 25, 2023 (date for U11 is no later than September 4, 2023) 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 Director of A/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, 2023.
 - 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 U15 or U18 level who must miss any rep tryout session due to conflicting attendances at an Academy, AAA Zone or Junior team tryouts must provide 24 hour prior notification to the **Director 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 **Director 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	▪ Attitude
▪ Shooting	▪ Teamwork
▪ Passing	▪ Work ethic
▪ Puck Control	▪ Commitment
▪ Positional Play	▪ Desire
▪ Checking	▪ Discipline
▪ Fitness (Strength, endurance, agility)	▪ Coachability
- **Players will also be monitored for appropriate shift lengths and ability to play with different line mates.**
- 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 the **Director of Rep Hockey** for each division.
- 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:
 - U11: one (1) on-ice players' skills evaluation session, and two or three (2 or 3) inter-squad games
 - U13: players will be evaluated on skills and performance in inter-squad games
 - U15: players will be evaluated on skills and performance in inter-squad games
 - U18: players will be evaluated on skills and performance in inter-squad games
 - Goalies trying out for all divisions must attend the supplemental goalie evaluation sessions
- After the first round of tryouts, players will be assigned to the Rep "A" Pool for continued evaluations or will be released to the "C" (House) pool.
 - For U13, U15 & U18, the First Round assignments and releases to "C" will be made prior to September 4, 2023
 - For U11, the date for First Round assignments and releases to "C" will be made on September 22, 2023
 - **Assignments will be posted on the BMHA website on the "Rep A Hockey" page**
 - **Players whose names do not appear on the assignment list will be contacted by Division Managers 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 by mid-late September for all divisions (U11-U18) if needed. 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 either in person (and in private) or telephone. 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 Director of Rep Hockey.