



WMHA REP Player Selection Process

INTRODUCTION

The process is designed to test Players' physical abilities and their capacity to compete in a structured environment.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Rep Team – for the purposes of this policy, denotes a competitive team that requires a greater time, effort and financial commitment.

House League – is considered recreational hockey. Players at this level will be given every opportunity to develop their skills.

Try-out (Rep Team Selection Process) – the process by which a Player is challenged to qualify for a position on a competitive team.

Evaluation – the process by which a Player is rated on the decision criteria as set forth in this policy. This process occurs on the ice (skills, ability, desire and knowledge) and off the ice (attitude, leadership and desire).

Evaluation Skate – is an on ice session when Players are evaluated for their on-ice technical skills, desire and tactical knowledge.

Scrimmage – is an on ice simulated game environment session, when Players are evaluated for their on-ice technical skills, desire and both tactical and strategic knowledge.

Release (Cut) – is the term used to indicate that a Player was unsuccessful in their attempt to make the Rep team.

PROCESS

The REP team selection process will consist of the following steps:

A. REGISTRATION

Registration must be completed and full registration fee paid prior to first try-out. It is the policy of WMHA that all registered Players must declare their intention to tryout for their division Rep team by the first Rep's evaluation skate.

Player (parent) may be asked to declare the preferred position they are trying out for in advance.

Players may choose to be released to house league at any time during the process. Out of town players must complete the registration process before being allowed to try-out.



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All players residing in Walden shall have the opportunity of playing for WMHA REP. No player from another municipality shall be signed unless:

- i) a player release is obtained from the other association;
- ii) the signing is approved by the REP Convenor;
- iii) a player card is approved by the N.O.H.A.

A player cannot move to a higher category without approval of the Executive. Each player must attend his or her age group category tryouts prior to any movement.

B. EVALUATION SKATES

Every player will be allocated evaluation where they will be asked to perform a series of drills designed to test their proficiency in the on-ice skills and tactics required to play at a competitive level.

C. SCRIMMAGES

These scrimmages are designed to test the Player's proficiency in the on-ice skills, tactics and strategic knowledge of the game in a high pressure game-like environment. All Scrimmages will be played under NOHA/CAHA rules and will require jersey numbers.

D. RELEASES

The Rep Head Coach shall meet face to face with each Player released to present their evaluation and to ensure that, as much as possible, the Player is presented with both their strengths and the areas requiring development. The Player will be asked not to discuss their selection until they arrive at their home. It will be important to stress the positive attributes (i.e. specific skills, attitude, leadership qualities, etc.) as well as those weaknesses that need to be addressed. This approach should be conducted in a supportive, nurturing and dignified manner.

Under no circumstances is a Player to be informed of being released over the phone or through a third party. All Players will be given the courtesy and respect of being told on a personal basis by the Rep Head Coach. The only exception will be if a Player misses or is absent on a release date, a telephone call will then be made by the head coach.

E. PARENT/COACHES MEETING

Prior to card signing the Head Coach will conduct a parent Coaches meeting. The objective of this meeting is to ensure that the parents and Players be introduced to the Head Coach and to be informed about the REP stream selection process. An Executive member will be in attendance at this meeting as well as other selected team staff.



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The meeting agenda may include but not limited to:

Introduction to the REP stream, including:

- The objective of the competitive stream.
- Commitment in both time and money.
- Expectations, rewards and commitment to development
- Future in hockey.

Coaches introductions, including:

- A brief description of their background and proposed program.
- Their Coaching philosophy.
- Player development goals.
- Ballpark costs and any proposed special events (*budget draft*)
- Team selection criteria, post Camp.
- Player's expected behaviour during the tryout process.
- Expected pre-ice routine including arrival times.

Question and answer session, expect questions on:

- Costs, specifically REP fees (carding fees)?
- Ice times?
- Selection process?
- What if the Player doesn't make the REP team?

F. ROSTERS

Upon completion of the final try-out all Players will meet individually with the Head coach. Players will be assigned to either the *Rep team* or will be immediately released. Every roster must be signed by the teams Head Coach and the Rep Convenor or designate. By signing the roster, the REP Convenor confirms that discussions has taken place with regards to players selection and is accepting one or many players with a release from another association.

A player, before signing a player card, must produce the following documents: i) Birth Certificate where necessary; ii) proof of registration with WMHA; and iii) WMHA REP registration fee.

Both players and parents, once the player is signed, must agree to abide by the rules of the constitution, the Code of conduct, sign the parent's pledge and team expectations.

The final REP team rosters will be at the sole discretion of the Rep Head Coach.