



Stoney Creek Minor Hockey Warriors Representative AA Hockey

2022/2023 Representative Tryout Policies

1. Tryouts are open to all **registered** Stoney Creek participants within residency boundaries or qualified NRP imported from A centres and below. Please click [here](#) for Region 2E Boundaries.
 - Player residency and eligibility rules will apply as set forth by the OMHA guidelines, policies, and procedures.
 - Proof of residency is required at the first tryout and should be completed via HCR; acceptable forms for proof of residency are as follows. Valid driver's license, property tax assessment or residence utility bill.
 - NRP are required to provide an OMHA NRP Passport approved by their home center.
 - Proof of online payment must be presented upon registering for the 2022/2023 tryouts or players will not be permitted to participate.
 - All necessary COVID Health & Safety policies as set forth by PHU, COH and OMHA will be in full affect.
 - There will be no exceptions to these policies.
2. Tryout fees and information are posted on the SCMHA website. Fees are \$140.00 (U10-U18) and must be paid prior to any participation. ALL TRYOUT FEES ARE PREFERRED TO BE PAID ONLINE. To register, please follow [here](#).
3. Participants that wish to tryout from another center or walk-ins and are eligible will be able to pay \$150.00 (cash only). Fees are to be paid in full and are non-refundable. All players are paying to participate in AA tryouts.
4. Teams will be given 5 tryout dates and players will be guaranteed 3 skate sessions. Tryouts will run over the course of 7 days starting tentatively May 2nd, 2022.
5. To ensure all teams have the required number of available players. Any players wishing to try out for any team as an "underage" player must be approved by the Rep Operations committee and the Technical committee. Players must first submit in writing a request to declare their intentions. The player will be independently evaluated on the first tryout to determine if they will be permitted to continue the tryout process. This applies to players requesting exemption for U10 and above.

6. **(U8 – Minor Novice) aged players may try out for (U9 – Novice).** For Players seeking underage exemption or exceptional player's status for U9 and below the same policies apply but in addition SCMHA will impose the following protocol.
 - **Goaltenders – must be the rated number one (1) goaltender trying out for the applicable age category**
 - **Players – must be the rated top three (3) position trying out for the applicable age category**
7. The Head Coaches may reassign a player after the 3rd "AA" tryout. There will be no refunds after the 2nd tryout.
8. If a Head coach decides to keep an injured player, he must inform everyone at the tryouts the amount of remaining roster spots available. The Head Coach, the Vice President of Operations and the Technical Director must be notified immediately of any doctor's note that may be presented. If there is a player with a valid Doctor's note the AA Coach has the choice of saving a spot for the player. **ANY OF THESE SITUATIONS MUST BE DELIBERATED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, THE REP COMMITTEE AND THE HEAD COACH.**
9. Please note that for the upcoming season the Rep Registration fees final due dates are found [here](#). Players found having not paid all registration fees will not be rostered and will be unable to participate in ANY team function, on or off the ice. Please visit our website for further payment information and breakdown.
10. SCMHA will NOT be accepting any players who did not register/roster in a Hockey Canada sanctioned league during the 2021 – 2022 season unless the individual can prove their acceptance by Hockey Canada and/or supply a request to tryout in writing to the SCMHA prior to tryout start dates. Individuals may need to prove where they played the previous season.
11. Please note, the goal for SCMHA is to have 15 SKATERS AND 2 GOALIES for every team. Every age group will be evaluated after the 2nd tryout for the number of participants. If there is an insufficient number of participants to go forward with teams in a particular age group, the Rep Committee and Technical Committee will decide whether to continue the tryouts or not.
12. SCMHA reserves the right to add or remove teams as determined by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Players who enter the tryouts and who choose to bypass the policies set above will forfeit their eligibility to continue for consideration for any REP TEAM with SCMHA.

Independent Evaluators

As part of the tryout process, the Head Coach must have a minimum of two independent, non-parent evaluators to assist with the selection process. In addition, and if necessary, SCMHA may assign separate independent evaluators to observe each team's tryout and player selection process. This will allow for the SCMHA to respond to any concerns from parents and/or players as to the impartiality and transparency of the tryout process.

Non-parent assistants who are not related to any player in the tryout process can work in conjunction with the Head Coach during the tryout process. The Head Coach is to provide a list of individuals/evaluators to the Director of Rep and Technical Director prior to the start of tryouts.

Player Selection for Representative teams

Player selection is the responsibility of the Head Coach working in conjunction with the Committee of the Technical and Representative Operations.

The Board is responsible for providing guidelines to the process for selection of players according to pre-determined criteria and using a fair, equitable and unbiased process.

The Stoney Creek Minor Hockey Association reserves the right to apply exceptions to the tryout policies at their discretion.