



Stoney Creek Minor Hockey Warriors Rep Hockey

2018/2019 Representative Tryout Policies

1. Tryouts are open to **only registered** Stoney Creek members within residency boundaries or qualified NRP's who were registered within Hockey Canada and its member partners during the 2017/2018 season. Player residency and eligibility rules will apply as set forth by the OMHA, OHF and/or Hockey Canada guidelines, policies and procedures. Proof of residency is required at the first tryout; acceptable forms for proof of residency are as follows: Valid driver's license, property tax assessment or residence utility bill. NRPs are required to provide an OMHA NRP Passport approved by their home center. Proof of online payment of the tryout fee must be presented upon registering for the 2018/2019 tryouts or players will not be permitted to participate. Any exemption to this will be at the discretion of the Rep Operation Committee, Technical Committee and SCMHA Executive. SCMHA will be diligent to ensure that all players participating in the tryouts are covered under HC insurance. Proof of player registration from the 2017/2018 season may be requested and required at the discretions of the Committee's and/or Executive.
2. Tryout fees are \$100.00 and must be paid online for registered residents or cash for NRP players. Tryout fees include a jersey that the player may keep. **ALL RESIDENT TRYOUT FEES MUST BE PAID ONLINE.** Tryout fees are to be paid in full and are non-refundable. The cost of base registration and season costs can be found on the SCMHA website. Fees are to be paid in full prior to Warrior Season participation and are subject to a \$50.00 administration fee for players wishing to decline participation in any level of the Stoney Creek Minor Hockey Program inclusive of players designated to the House League program.

3. AA teams will be given 5 tryout dates. Exhibition games may be scheduled by teams during the tryout period, travel permits will be required. The maximum total of AA tryout dates cannot exceed six; the maximum total of AE tryout dates cannot exceed four. Players may only miss 1 of the scheduled tryout sessions. For example, if there are 5 AA/AE Tryouts you must be at 4 out of 5 in order to make the AA Team. If there are 3 AE Tryouts you must participate in the AA/AE Tryouts and you must be at 2 out of 3 AE Tryouts, you may miss 1, in order to make the AE Team. All players must participate in the AA/AE Tryouts. No player may try out for the AE Team if they have not participated in the AA/AE Tryouts. The only exemptions are injury or illness, the player must present a doctor's note (the Head Coach, the Director of Rep and The Technical Director must be notified immediately of any Doctor's note).
4. In an effort 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 players will be independently evaluated on the first tryout to determine if they will be permitted to continue the tryout process.
5. The Head Coach may reassign a player after the 2nd "AA" tryout and after the 1st "AE" tryout. This will ensure that each player is guaranteed 3 tryouts. Whether a player is present or not at the first two AA tryouts, they will still count as two for the coach, meaning if a player shows up to the 2nd tryout but was unable to attend the 1st tryout he/she may still be released and it would count as 2 out of 3 guaranteed tryout sessions.
6. If a Head Coach decides to keep an injured player he must inform everyone at the tryouts his intentions and declare the amount of remaining spots that are now available. The Head Coach, the Rep Director 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 that player or reassigning that player to the AE Team. The AE Coach must ensure that the injured player has the opportunity to be seen in a tryout, unless there is documentation (e.g. evaluations) that will allow the player to be reassigned to House League. **ANY OF THESE SITUATIONS MUST BE DELIBERATED BY THE REP DIRECTOR, THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND THE HEAD COACH.**
7. Please note that for the upcoming season the Rep Registration fees final due date will be September 1. Please visit our website for further payment details and options. 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. Also, as per OMHA requirements, the Respect in Sport program is now mandatory for one parent from each player's household to be eligible to be rostered for any participating team.

NOTE: *Players who enter into the tryouts and who choose to bypass the policies set above will forfeit their eligibility to continue for consideration for any REP TEAM and will be reassigned to House League for the 2018-2019 season.*

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, SCMHA will assign two 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 Technical Director and Director of 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.

SCMHA reserves the right to combine the Minor and Major age group to form one AE team or continue with only a minor or major AE team. Every division must first enter a Major AA team as per OMHA guidelines.

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