



## ***Stoney Creek Warriors Hockey Club 2019/2020 Representative Tryout Policies***

- Tryouts are open to all **registered** Stoney Creek and Hamilton (wards 1-8) players within shared residential boundaries or qualified NRP's. 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; acceptable forms for proof of residency are as follows. Valid driver's license, property tax assessment or residence utility bill. NRP's are required to provide an OMHA NRP Passport approved by their home center. Proof of online payment must be presented upon registering for the 2019/2020 tryouts or players will not be permitted to participate. There will be no exceptions to these policies.
- Tryout fees are \$100.00 and must be paid prior to any participation. All tryout fees must be paid online, please visit [www.scmha.ca](http://www.scmha.ca) to register. Hamilton residents that do not have previous online access that wish to tryout from another center will be able to pay by cash and register at the tryouts. Fees are to be paid in full and are non-refundable. All players are registering to participate in the Warriors Representative Hockey Club A/AE tryouts. All fees are non-refundable. The online registration portal will be made available until April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - Please contact [registration@scmha.ca](mailto:registration@scmha.ca) for further details or questions.
- Warriors A Teams will be given 3 tryout dates, AE teams will be given 2 tryout dates. Away exhibition games may be scheduled beyond the tryout schedule by teams during the tryout period, travel permits will be required.
- Any player wishing to try out for any team as an underage player must be approved by the Rep Operations Committee. The player must first submit in writing a request to declare their intention. The player will be independently evaluated on the first tryout to

determine if they will be permitted to continue the tryout process. This applies any player requesting exemption for Minor Atom A and above.

- **Tyke aged players may try out for Novice.** For a Player seeking underage exemption or exceptional player status for Novice 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) forward/defence trying out for the applicable age category**
- The Head Coaches may reassign a player after the 2<sup>nd</sup> “A” tryout and after the 1<sup>st</sup> “AE” tryout. This will ensure that each player is guaranteed 3 tryouts. Whether a player is present or not at the first two “A” tryouts. They will still count as two for the coach, meaning if a player shows up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout but was unable to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> tryout he/she may still be released, and it would count as 2 out of 3 guaranteed tryout sessions. Coaches are permitted to offer commitment forms at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> tryout session in either category.
- If a Head coach decides to keep an injured player, he must inform everyone at the tryouts the number of available spots remaining. The Head Coach, the President and the Vice President of Operations 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 A Coach has the choice of saving a spot for the player. **ANY OF THESE SITUATIONS MUST BE DELIBERATED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE HEAD COACH.**
- Please note that for the upcoming season the Rep Registration fees final due date will be September 1st. 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.
- 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 are insufficient numbers to go forward with teams in an age group, the Rep Operations Committee reserves the right to continue or cancel any tryouts.
- SCMHA reserves the right to add or remove teams and or tryout dates as determined by the Board of Directors.

***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 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, SCMHA may assign one separate independent evaluator 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 Rep Operations Committee prior to the start of tryouts.

### **Player Selection for Representative teams**

- Player selection is the responsibility of the Head Coach working with their staff in conjunction with the Representative Operations Committee.

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.

### **Additional AE team entries**

- SCMHA reserves the right to add or remove teams and or tryout dates as determined by the Board of Directors. SCMHA will review the needs of the AE division on an individual basis. This will be based on the number of available players at tryouts, if a volunteer Head Coach becomes available and potential competitive level. All Major and Minor A teams must have full rosters in order to enter any AE team. All Additional Entry teams will be mixed age groups and will participate in the Niagara District League for the upcoming season.

### **NRP Eligibility**

- SCMHA will not be permitted to issue nor receive Non-Resident Passports (NRP) for the purposes of tryouts to or from another OMHA AA center. All residents within the shared boundaries of the Warriors Hockey Club wishing to tryout for AA hockey must register with the Hamilton Huskies. This is outlined within the OMHA/Alliance shared boundaries agreement.
- SCMHA will accept qualified Non-Resident Passports (NRP) from participants coming from centers BB and below. Please reach out to your home center for further information. Each team is permitted to accept 2 NRP roster spots for the upcoming season starting at Minor Pee wee and above.