



Essa Minor Hockey Association's Rep Hockey Tryout Package

Dear Parents and Players,

We would like to welcome all players, parents and guardians to the 2019-2020 Essa Minor Hockey Rep Tryouts! This letter is to inform you about the expectations, tryout process, registration requirements, and player/parent commitments. **This is a MANDATORY read, please be informed during this tryout process!**

Expectations:

As tryouts begin, we want to share EMHA's expectations and guidelines for players and parents throughout the process. This is a very emotional time of year in our association and the stress level amongst players, parents, coaches and executive members can be very high. Our hope is that this advanced warning of expectations and rules during the tryout process will hopefully reduce the potential for conflict and alleviate some stress.

Our expectations are as follows:

1. Communication with the evaluators during the tryout process is strictly forbidden (face-to-face, electronically, at the rink, outside the rink or otherwise). Any communication between a parent and coach or evaluator about the tryout, until the roster is finalized, can be interpreted as an attempt to manipulate the process.
2. All communication regarding the process during the tryouts must go through the Association Head Coach and OMHA Rep, until a team is set. Once the team has been selected, the team Head Coach can directly communicate with families.
3. The Association Head Coach and OMHA Rep are unable to provide you with individual details of your players scores, placements or otherwise. Please refrain from asking. Communication will be provided to all players.
4. Please refrain from yelling or cheering during the tryouts so as not to distract or affect the concentration of the evaluators or players.
5. Throughout the tryout process, the evaluators 'area' will be identified and cordoned off for privacy. We ask that players and spectators respect these areas and refrain from entering. You will be asked to leave if you are found to be within this area.
6. Individual feedback can be given to the players, at the parent's request, following the process by the Association Head Coach.

Tryout Process:

There will be 4 tryout dates (plus a "dust off skate" prior to tryouts), **RELEASES WILL BE MADE AFTER THE 2nd TRYOUT.**

- **Please refer to the online schedule on our website for your timeslots!**
- Tryout pinnies will be assigned to each player at the start of the tryouts at the registration table. The player will be assigned that number for each tryout.
- Players will receive a "pin number" allocated to them at the start of tryout. Releases will be posted on the EMHA website and released players pin numbers will be located there.
- Tryouts are 80 minutes in duration.
- Players will be evaluated by a mix of internal and external evaluators.

- Exhibition games(s) will be scheduled during the tryouts and will be considered part of the tryout process.
- Final releases will occur after the exhibition game(s).

Registration Requirements:

1. Players must meet EMHA eligibility requirements as mandated by the OMHA.
2. Successful players in the EMHA tryout process will receive an Offer of Commitment letter.
3. Players must pay a registration fee as determined annually by the EMHA Executive Committee. **EMHA resident \$50.00 and Non-Resident or Playing up a level \$75.00.**
4. Players must wear proper equipment as per OMHA rules. This includes mouth guards, neck protection and goalie 'dangles' (plastic neck guards). Players not wearing appropriate protection in compliance with OMHA rules will be removed from the ice surface immediately.

Player and Parent Commitment:

We realize that the decision to enter the Rep program is an important decision and one that should not be taken lightly. The additional commitments of both time and money should be considered before entering tryouts. We encourage your family to consider the following before making your decision to commit to our Rep program:

1. A high level of commitment is expected from all Rep players with respect to attitude, attendance and all other team activities.
2. **Hockey must be your primary sport throughout the season.** Commitment to your team is imperative.
3. Players selected to the Rep team will be expected to attend all practices, games and training, which could occur up to 4+ times per week.
4. Volunteer activities (fundraising, time keeping, dryland training etc.) will be required.
5. Players are ambassadors for Essa Minor Hockey Association, and as such, are required to observe high levels of conduct both on and off the ice, at the rink and away from the rink.
6. In addition to the commitment of time, Rep hockey requires a financial commitment. Parents and players should expect additional costs for items such as travel, extra ice, dryland training, power skating, apparel, etc. Money is raised either through fundraising activities (encouraged) or direct payment by parents.
7. Rep Fees will be \$250.00. This fee will include an EMHA Jacket as well as home/away socks.
8. Additional mandatory gear will include EMHA Custom Hockey Pant Shells (\$40) or Custom Hockey Pants (\$140) which will be purchased through RYR Sports.
9. Expect a minimum of 3 tournaments at an average cost for the team of \$900 and up. You must also include hotel, food, etc. at an average cost of \$400+ per player.
10. It is the responsibility of every player trying out for Rep to ensure that they are in good health prior to the tryouts to perform to their best ability. All players will be assessed at the evaluation skates and will be evaluated on their performance at those sessions only, not on previous playing experience. This means players must come to tryouts in order to make the team.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our tryout process is fair to all participants and wish each of you the best of luck.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming season and wish you a successful year.

Kind Regards,

Tim Wardell
EMHA Association Head Coach