



REP TRYOUT PROCESS 2025

The following outlines Burnaby Minor Hockey Association's rep evaluation and selection process for this season. Changes have been made since last year, so please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the information.

2025 Dates for Tryouts:

U13-18 tryouts will run from August 23rd- 29th 2025

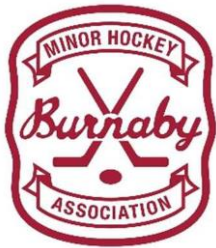
U11 tryouts will start after Labour Day

REGISTRATION FOR REP TRYOUTS

- All players wishing to play rep will pay a "try-out" fee and will have registered for tryouts by 11:59pm, July 31, 2025.
- A player registering for tryouts must state a position: goalie, forward, or defense. A player may only try out for the position indicated and may not switch after the groupings have been published or during the evaluation process unless requested by evaluators.
- Before participating in the tryout sessions, players must be fully registered with BMHA and have paid all the fees.
- For rep tryouts in U15 and above, every player must have completed a body checking clinic, either through BMHA or a clinic approved by BMHA. If through another approved clinic proof of attendance by way of a receipt must be sent to the Director-A. BMHA Body Checking clinics take place the week before tryouts.
- Players who have not met the above requirements may not be allowed on the ice for the rep tryout session.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- Tryout groupings and times for the rep tryout sessions will be posted by mid-August through Teamsnap and you will be added to a tryout group.
- Each player **must** check-in at the registration desk prior to the start of **each time**.
- A signed copy of the BMHA Rep "A" Hockey Player / Family Commitment & Expectation Agreement must be signed and handed into the registration desk at the first check-in. Preference is for this to be signed via the online documentation (link will be distributed prior to first check-in).
- **Players must wear a black or dark navy blue jersey for tryouts – and goalies must wear a black or white jersey no other colours are allowed for tryouts.**



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At the start of each tryout session, players will sign in and be issued a numbered pinnie for identification during the rep tryouts. Pinnies are to be returned after all sessions are completed and must be **WASHED** before any results are given.

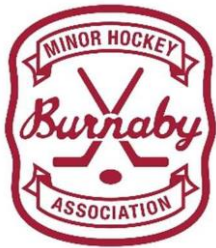
- All players within each division will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Director of Rep Hockey or appointed Rep Tryout Coordinator, for each division composed of the Rep coaches and independent evaluators. Goalies will be evaluated by the same committee as well as a goalie evaluator.
- Only players and designated volunteers will be allowed in the dressing room and bench area. For players who require assistance with their equipment, they can be helped in the dressing room by volunteers or if they require a parent, in the lobby.
- **There shall be no communication between parents and evaluators.** We ask all attendees to respect this rule – please recognize that our evaluators are not being rude or avoiding conversation, it is simply a requirement in order to eliminate any perception of favouritism.
- Viewing areas will be designated in such a manner as to discourage any contact or discussion between parents or players and the evaluators. Please respect these areas.

ATTENDANCE

- All players trying out for rep hockey **are expected to attend ALL tryout sessions.**
- A player who has registered for rep hockey but is unable to attend tryouts **due to sickness or injury** must provide a confirming letter from a physician, no later than August 22, 2025 (date for U11 is no later than September 1, 2025) and before taking the ice for any further rep evaluations.
 - In such circumstances: If the player's injury prevents the player from completing the tryout process, the player will be assessed by the rep coaches for that division and/or BMHA executive after the earliest medical approval date.

A rep coach **may** choose to hold a position on his/her team if he/she is positive that the player, as shown from his/her past history, would be selected to that team. This position may only be held for an injured player if the player has a letter from a physician stating the player is expected to be able to play hockey by October 31, 2025.

If a position is held for an injured player, that player must pay the rep tryout fee and any associated rep fees prior to playing with the team.



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A player who has registered for rep hockey at the U15 or U18 level who must miss any rep tryout session due to conflicting attendances at an Academy, AAA Zone or Junior team tryouts must provide 24-hour prior notification to the **Director of Rep Hockey via email**.

A player who has registered for rep hockey but is unable to attend a rep tryout session due to exceptional personal circumstances must seek permission in advance of the session to be missed by way of a letter/email to the **Director of Rep Hockey** who will determine whether to approve the request.

Should any of the tryout sessions be missed for reasons other than injury, illness, or exceptional circumstances, (i.e. family vacation), this is at the discretion of the family and in doing so, forfeits their ability or right to express any issues or discontent over the amount of evaluation the player received during the attended sessions.

First round and final pool placements or releases to alternate teams are at the Head Coaches discretion and are considered **FINAL decisions** and may not be appealed.

Notes and/or comments from evaluators may be requested by emailing a request to the Director of Rep **48 hours after results are posted**. Players and families are **not to contact evaluators or coaches directly** and coaches are not obligated to discuss results with families. All communication must go through the Director of Rep via email. If you fail to follow this policy, players and families will forfeit their opportunity to receive further communication.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Players will be evaluated based on the following on-ice and off-ice skills, according to the Hockey Canada Player Evaluation and Selection Guidelines

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| ▪ Skating | ▪ Attitude |
| ▪ Shooting | ▪ Teamwork |
| ▪ Passing | ▪ Work ethic |
| ▪ Puck Control | ▪ Commitment |
| ▪ Positional Play | ▪ Desire |
| ▪ Checking | ▪ Discipline |
| ▪ Fitness (Strength, endurance, agility) | |
- **Players will also be monitored for appropriate shift lengths and ability to play with different linemates.**

- In an effort to develop the rep program, the rep coaches when forming teams shall endeavor to have a balance of players from the corresponding birth years for that division.
- As stated above, players and goaltenders will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Director of Rep Hockey or appointed Rep Tryout Coordinator for each division. This committee will be comprised of the head coaches for each division, and a minimum of two additional independent evaluators from outside of that division.
- It is important to note that **consideration of a player's attitude, level of discipline and positional play, along with the family's level of commitment** will be equally factored along with a player's technical skills.
- A **player's/family's attitude and actions both in and away from a rink** will be considered and deemed part of the decision in becoming of a rep player/family.
- Playing Rep hockey is a privilege, not a right, and it is expected that players and their parents/guardians will treat it as such and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the objectives of the Association at all times (see rep commitment documents and BMHA bylaws for further details).

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FIRST ROUND

- The first round of rep tryouts for players consist of the following:
 - U11: approx three (3) inter-squad games (determined by amount of players registered for tryouts)
 - U13: approx three (3) inter-squad games (determined by amount of players registered for tryouts)
 - U15: approx three (3) inter-squad games (determined by amount of players registered for tryouts)
 - U18: approx three (3) inter-squad games (determined by amount of players registered for tryouts)
 - Goalies trying out for all divisions must attend the supplemental evaluation sessions
- After the first round of tryouts, players are assigned to one of the Rep "A" Pool groups or released to "C" (House) pool. It is intended that these First-Round assignments and releases are made prior to Labour Day each year for U13, U15, U18 divisions and up to 3 days after U11's last session which takes place the week following Labour Day.
- If released to C - you will receive an email to notify you of the next steps.
- Those assigned to an A pool for further assessment will see these assignments through Teamsnap.

SECOND ROUND

- The second round of tryouts continues with the players assigned to the Rep "A" Pool for further evaluation through a number of scrimmages, practices and exhibition games during the first couple of weeks in September.
- Please remember that coaches look at many different aspects when making their decisions. Although hockey skills are very important parts of forming a team, coaches will also assess the attitude of the player and their parents/guardians, team play, and potential for development over the length of the season. The attitude component includes work ethic, manners, and respect for and towards the coaches, other team & association staff and other players.
- The second round of releases will take place in mid-late September. After this, no further releases are expected, only the final assignment of players within the Rep "A" pool to team rosters, unless releases are deemed necessary by the Head Coaches and can take place (if necessary) per PCAHA rules until the deadline for player movement (early January 2026). Rep Coaches will assess and finalize team rosters by mutual agreement. All coaching decisions are FINAL and not subject to dispute.
- The Rep coaching staff will aim to conduct the second round of releases in person and privately for U13, U15, and U18. If that is not possible, releases may be communicated by phone or, as a last resort, by email due to time constraints. U11 releases will be sent via email.
- Releases will be done with the utmost care, sensitivity and respect for everyone involved.
- Players in the Rep "A" pool may move between the A1, A2, A3 or C rosters until the PCAHA deadline for player movement. No player will be released from the A1 team to C level without the approval of the Director of Rep Hockey.

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