



Important Tryout Information for Parents

Team Formation

When you register your son or daughter for hockey you do so as part of the Assiniboine Park Hockey Association (APHA). **While you may register at your home community centre, your player could end up playing on a team hosted by another community centre.**

After registration, but prior to tryouts, the member community centres of the APHA meet to determine how many teams there will be at each age group. This decision is based on rules set by the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association (WMHA) and by the number of children registered at each age group across the entire APHA.

WMHA rules now require all players to compete in an Association-wide tryout process at each age group. This means that all players will be pooled together from all community centres to create teams.

During this process it is also decided which community centre will host each team. All community centres want to host teams. The hosting community centre does not have to have the majority of the players on the team.

The number of teams assigned to a centre should reflect the number of children registered at that centre. A community centre should host a team for every 15 children registered at the centre, regardless of the age grouping. Each centre should host at least one A1 team.

Age Advancement

Age advancement requests are considered on a year-to-year basis. Those requests are governed by WMHA regulations contained in Section F, 20-21. A desire on the part of any player to be age advanced is not in itself sufficient for the age advancement to be granted. Just because Age Advancement is requested is no guarantee that it will be approved. These situations occur very rarely.

These regulations apply equally to both males and females. Every year, each age group's age advancement requests are reviewed in terms of these regulations.

The deadline for these requests is the last day of registration. Requests must be made in writing to the respective Community Centre's Hockey Director.

AA hockey age advancement is also governed by WMHA rules. Please refer to the WMHA rules for more information.

Novice A1 Tryouts (8 year olds)

The Novice A1 category is open to 8 year old players. This means that players under the age of 8 are **not eligible to tryout for Novice, without age advancement.**

The Assiniboine Park Hockey Association stipulates the following guideline with regards to players under the age of 8.

1. In order for a player under the age of 8 to be selected for an A.P.H.A. Novice team, the player must be evaluated independently and must be ranked among the 5 top skaters participating in the evaluation.
2. If the group of participants are forming two Novice A1 teams, based on the A.P.H.A. formation, then the under age player must rank in the top 10.
3. At no time will the rankings be disclosed to parents or any other non-evaluation official.
4. Considering that players are not being evaluated by position at this age category, the position the player prefers will have no bearing on his/her ranking. Rankings will be based on overall hockey skills and ability.

This Novice policy pertains only to skaters. Goaltenders are frequently hard to find for many age categories. If an underage goaltender is most qualified for the team, the underage player will be considered for the position.

For full information go to the APHA website (www.aphamb.ca) and review the APHA Hockey Handbook.