



Carleton Place Minor Hockey Association House Team Selection Procedures (2008-2009)

Parents and players should familiarize themselves with this process prior to tryouts. Please contact your level convenor if you have any questions.

Note: There is a separate selection process for the Mississippi Thunder Kings (MTK), our competitive hockey organization. This process is posted on the MTK web site.

The goal of all CPMHA house league tryouts is to provide our members with an unbiased selection process to evaluate each player's skill level and assign them to the appropriate level within in the Lanark Carleton Minor Hockey League.

Please note the following:

1. The convenor is the single point of contact between the selection committee, the players and the parents. Any questions and/or concerns must be directed to the convenor and not directly to any member of the selection committee or any volunteer.
2. Observe the 24-hour cool down rule during all tryout sessions: concerns/comments regarding tryouts are not to be communicated to the convenor or any volunteers until 24 hours after the conclusion of the tryout. Concerns/comments must be submitted in writing (e-mails are not acceptable) to the convenor.
3. Concerns/comments regarding tryouts will not be accepted or reviewed by the convenor or the executive until 24 hours after the conclusion of the selection session.
4. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.
5. In cases where two or more house teams are formed within the same division (A, B, or C), efforts will be made by the coaching staff to equalize the teams. If this is not done, the CPMHA executive has the right to do so.
6. The CPMHA executive reserves the right to assign players to the appropriate level.
7. After team selections have taken place, no player movement between teams or coaches can take place without the approval of the CPMHA executive.

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Novice

As was done in the past, all players will be evaluated and ranked over a three-session evaluation period. No players will be cut and no cuts will be posted. Rather, all players will be notified by telephone of which team they have been assigned to within 7 days of the final evaluation session.

Upon arrival at each evaluation session, all players must sign in at the convenor's table in order to obtain a numbered pinney. The player will have the same pinney number for each session.

The evaluation scoring system will provide a ranking for each player. Players will be evaluated on level-appropriate skills using pre-determined drills appropriate for the level. The following table provides a guideline for evaluations:

Skill/Tactic	Novice
Skating	50%
Puck Control	20%
Shooting	10%
Game Situation/Understanding	20%

Evaluators will not have a conflict of interest at this level. CPMHA will make every attempt not to have more than 25 players on the ice during each session.

There will be three evaluation sessions. Each session will evaluate different set of skills:

Session 1: Forward Skating, Backward Skating, Stops & Starts

Session 2: Skating, Puck Control, Shooting

Session 3: Scrimmage

We make every effort to have 3 evaluators at each evaluation session. Evaluators will receive the evaluation sheet prior to each session. The sheet will contain only the pinney number, no names. Evaluation sheets are turned in at the end of each session.

Once the evaluation process has been completed, the coaches will be assigned a level to coach. The top 7 players will be assigned to the A team. The A coach will then select the balance of his team from the next 14 ranked players. If the A coach wishes to select a player lower in the rankings, then approval must be obtained from CPMHA before players are notified.

The decision of the selection committee is final. Once the A team has been selected, a similar process will be repeated for the B team(s). The remaining players will be assigned to the C team.

Atom and PeeWee

All players will be evaluated and ranked over a three-session evaluation period. No players will be cut and no cuts will be posted.

Upon arrival at the first tryout session, all players must sign in at the convenor's desk to receive their numbered pinney. At this time, they must declare what position they wish to try out for (Forward, Defense, or Goaltender). Players must continue to try out at their declared position at each tryout session.

All players will be evaluated on each skill set using specific drills. Each evaluator will independently judge and mark players and each evaluator will enter the mark using our evaluation spreadsheets. At the end of the tryout sessions, all evaluators will turn in their evaluations of all players and their marks will be entered into the master evaluation spread sheet that will calculate the players' overall rank position in the form of a numbered position against all other players at that level.

The ranking system will use the following criteria:

Skill/Tactic	Atom	PeeWee
Skating	40%	25%
Puck Control	20%	15%
Shooting	10%	10%
Game Situation/Understanding	30%	50%

No less than 3 evaluators will be used and CPMHA will make every attempt not to have more than 25 players on the ice at any session. All players must attend all three sessions, as at each session players are marked on specific skills. Should a player miss a session, that player will be assigned the lowest mark and this will affect his or her ranking.

All players will be notified by telephone of their team assignment within 7 days of the last evaluation session.

A House: Following completion of the ranking, the top 6 forwards, 3 defense and one goalie are deemed to have made the team. The A house coach will then select the balance of players for his/her team from the top 25 ranked players.

For situations where there are two A house teams, those numbers are doubled, and so on.

B House: The coaches of our B house teams will then each select, using an alternating choice draft method, each of their team's top 6 forwards, 3 defense and one goalie following the ranked order for each position. The balance of the team will be selected using the same method, but selections will be limited to all except the 10 lowest-ranked players.

C House: The 10 lowest-ranked players are automatically on the C house team. The players that remain after the B house teams are selected will make up the balance of the C house team. (Note that CPMHA does not always field a C house team.)

Bantam and Midget

Signing in

Upon arrival at each tryout session, players must sign in at the appropriate convenor's table for their level and declare what position they are trying out for. If a player declares that he or she is trying out for forward, defense or goaltender, they must continue at that position for the remainder of the tryout and selections will be based on this.

On-ice identification

When signing in for the first session, every player will be assigned a numbered sweater or pinney and, when applicable, a means of identifying them as a defensive player (e.g., arm band). This is the only means of player identification for the selection sessions.

Although every attempt is made to have players wear the same sweater/pinney throughout each tryout, please note that some adjustments to sweater/pinney assignment may be necessary in order to due to numerically balance teams for scrimmages. Any adjustments will be brought to the attention of the selection committee.

Player names will not be given to the selection committee. The sweater/pinney must be returned to the convenor table (where sign-in took place) at the conclusion of each tryout session. Any missing sweater or pinney will be traced back to the last recipient and that player will not be allowed to participate in any further tryout sessions until the sweater/pinney is returned or replaced.

Attendance

Players must attend all tryout sessions to be eligible for selection by the selection committee. If a player is unable to attend all of the selection sessions for a particular level (due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts, sickness, or injury), the appropriate convenor must be notified in advance by phone, with a

written letter to follow (e-mails are not acceptable) within 48 hours. The coach for that particular team will be notified of any written notification of non-attendance.

Please note: It is left up to the coaches' discretion as to whether to delay his/her final selections.

Since a number of players within CPMHA boundaries attend the Ottawa Valley Titans and Silver Seven team selections, every attempt will be made to avoid tryout scheduling conflicts between the CPMHA and those selection sessions. This will be the only exception.

Selection committee

Each selection committee will consist of between three and five members selected by the level convenor, and they must not be parents involved with that level. Every effort will be made to use the same selection committee for each level.

Selection session format

There will be a total of three selection sessions for each tryout at the A House and B House* category within each age group. (*Only applicable to B House if there is a C House category at that age group)

1. The first selection session should consist of a two-minute warm-up, followed by thirty minutes of drills with the remainder of the session consisting of a scrimmage with line changes every minute. Goalies will change every four minutes and will switch benches when changing.
2. The second selection session should consist of a three-minute warm-up, followed by fifteen minutes of drills with the remainder of the session consisting of a scrimmage with line and goalie changes as above.
3. The third selection session should consist of a three-minute warm-up followed by a scrimmage with line and goalie changes as above.

The above format may be changed at the discretion of the selection committee for a particular session.

During scrimmages, every effort will be made to allow forwards and defensemen to play in the position they are trying out for. Depending upon the number of players available for each position, there may be times where players are asked to rotate through positions in order to balance the teams during the scrimmage portion of a selection session (i.e., defensemen could be asked to play forward and forwards could be asked to play defense).

Selection by committee

In the third selection session, the selection committee may excuse from the ice a maximum of 5 dominant players for each team being selected, and those players will be deemed to have made the team(s). The purpose of excusing these players is to allow the Selection Committee to evaluate the remaining players more fairly.

The player selection will take place as follows; assuming more than 30 players are competing. Variations on these numbers will occur based on the number of teams being selected and the number of players trying out.

When selecting one team:

1. After the 1st session, reduce skaters to thirty and all goalies remain.
2. After the 2nd session, reduce skaters to twenty and reduce goalies to four.
3. After the 3rd session, the selection committee will select the 6 highest-rated forwards, three highest-rated defense and one goaltender.

When selecting two teams:

1. After the 1st session, reduce skaters to forty (or twenty each session for split sessions) and all goalies remain.
2. After the 2nd session, reduce skaters to thirty and reduce goalies to four.
3. After the 3rd session, the selection committee will select the 12 highest-rated forwards, six highest-rated defense and two goaltenders.

Final team selection

The coach will select the balance of his/her team after a further two ice times (practices or exhibition games). Therefore, players who are not selected during the selection process may still be chosen for the

team. The coaches are responsible for ensuring that their team has the appropriate number of players willing to play the required positions. For example, on teams of 15 skaters, the breakdown should be 9 forwards and 6 defense; for 14 skaters, 9 forwards and 5 defense and so on. The number of players to be placed on each team will be determined by the CPMHA executive. When setting team size, the executive will consider the number of players available for each age category.

Notification

Following the first and second tryout sessions, the convenor will post the pinney numbers and colours (if applicable) of players who are successful in advancing to the next tryout session. Any player whose pinney colour and number were not posted is invited to attend the selections for the next level, if applicable. (For example, B tryouts if there is a C House at that level, B evaluations if there is no C house).

Following the third session, the convenor will post the pinney numbers and colours (if applicable) of players who were successful in making the team. Again, all other players are invited to attend the next level selection session if applicable.

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