

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**Date:** July 29, 2021

**Re:** Clarification of Tryouts & Tournaments 2021-22 Season

**To:** Rep Council

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At the July 28, 2021 Rep Council/Structure Meeting, a request was made to provide clarification of tryouts and tournaments for the 2021-22 season.

- No tryouts or related on or off ice activities, directly or indirectly (including conditioning camps, refresher programs, etc.) may be conducted by teams prior to Sept 10, 2021.
- Body checking and goaltender clinics are permitted beginning August 23, 2021.
- Tryouts for AA/A and MD may not begin until the day after the completion of AAA tryouts and will begin in succession 7 days following.

### U10 and U11

- Will follow the Atom Pathway which will begin with an optional prep phase after Labour Day.

### Evaluations:

AAA: September 13, 2021, Freedom of Movement after 11:59pm September 16, 2021

A/AA: September 20, 2021

MD: September 27, 2021

*Note: GTHL are scheduled to begin tryouts September 27*

### U12 - U16:

#### Tryouts:

AAA: September 10, 2021, Freedom of Movement after 11:59pm September 13, 2021

A/AA: September 17, 2021

MD: September 24, 2021

*Note: GTHL are scheduled to begin tryouts September 24*

### U18:

- AAA Identification camps may only be conducted between September 7-9, 2021 for players who were registered on a team the previous season who is residentially compliant.
- Teams may sign residentially compliant players between September 7-9, 2021.
- Freedom of Movement for AAA within ALLIANCE Hockey begins September 10<sup>th</sup> which is the first day of tryouts for AAA.

AAA: September 10, 2021

A/AA: September 17, 2021

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### AAA Player Movement:

1. Participants must tryout in the Centre or Zone to which they reside and will not be granted a release upon request. All Zone AAA tryouts require a permission to skate from a Zone participant's Home Centre.
  - Woolwich and Centre Wellington participants are shared with the Waterloo and Guelph Zones and must tryout in both Zones prior to being eligible for ALLIANCE Hockey *Freedom of Movement*.
2. A player trying out for U14 AAA and above, who played on an OHF F1 Form Waiver in their previous season has the option to remain and tryout with their current team or return to their Home Centre/Zone for tryouts. Players not exercising their option to remain with their current team must return to their Home Centre/Zone and tryout prior to obtaining an F1 Waiver. ALLIANCE Hockey F1 Form participants are defined as those residents who reside within ALLIANCE Hockey Residential territory. Home Centre/Zone coaches who would like to invite a player who is playing with a different team on a F1 Waiver back to tryouts in their Home Centre may do so, but not until the player has completed their current season. In this case, the Home Centre/Zone is not tampering provided the coach waits until the player is finished their season and prior to the commencement of tryouts.
3. All Participants must tryout and be released in accordance with each Member Association Centre/Zone tryout policy and as per the ALLIANCE Hockey tryout schedule.

Accompanying paperwork may be one of the following:

- ✓ Permission to skate from Home Centre
- ✓ F1 Form Waiver (electronic version)
- ✓ A Permission to Tryout granted by the OHF in consultation with the Member Partner
- ✓ Those participants who choose the option to stay with their F1 Association at U14 or above do not require a permission to skate or an F1 Waiver as to be consistent with current practice as it relates to participants who move from Minor to Major years.

4. All U12- U16 teams will be required to complete their *Declaration of Intent to Play Form* by 11:59pm on day four of tryouts for all players they have committed to. Any player not on their Home Centre/Zone Intent to Play form will then become a "free Agent", must be given their F1 Form Waiver upon request and are able to tryout with any ALLIANCE Hockey Member Association. Players who have not signed an intent to play form by 11:59pm on September 13th have the option to remain at tryouts until they are released or signed. The final three days will allow teams to consider the remaining players and free agents for their final roster spots.

Note: Players who are released from their Home Centre/Zone who choose to go to a team outside of ALLIANCE Hockey will be required to obtain waivers as per previous practice.

5. The only release applicable for *movement* within ALLIANCE AAA Hockey competition is an OHF F1 Waiver. If a participant does not have an OHF F1 Waiver they are not permitted to tryout. The OHF F1 Waiver may be obtained electronically from their Home Centre/Zone if requested per ALLIANCE Hockey Policy.
6. Once released and in possession of an OHF F1 Waiver, an ALLIANCE Hockey participant may tryout with any other ALLIANCE Hockey Centre/Zone Member Association.
7. Member Association Centre/Zone policies re: the number of import players who are eligible to play for their teams will still apply.

NOTE: U13 players who registered with an ALLIANCE Member Association for the 2020-21 season as a non-resident player will be required to return to their Home Centre for tryouts. An OHF F1 waiver would be required to return to their U11/U12 team as no OHF F1 waivers were issued in the 2020-21 season (because of the Pandemic).



**Tournament Clarification:**

- Reminder that travel permits cannot be issued for any team to participate in a tournament that is scheduled prior to October 8, 2021.
- Teams may apply for out-of-Province tournaments with the understanding that Ontario Public Health guidelines will determine if/when travel is permitted. Teams should only register with the full understanding of the Tournament cancellation policy in case they are not permitted to attend.
- International competition is not permitted at this time. The OHF will provide further direction based on Ontario Public Health Guidelines.
- ALLIANCE Hockey recommends that application for international tournaments should be avoided at this time.