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Freedom of Choice Between Hamilton AAA Organizations

Clarifications on Hamilton AAA Zone

Since the approval of the Hamilton Pilot in November 2018 the Hamilton Huskies and Hamilton Bulldogs have worked with each other to ensure the implementation of the Pilot is smooth and clear. As such the Ontario Hockey Federation Board has reviewed three items of clarification and provide the following application.

Tryout Process

In March of 2019 the OHF Members approved a regulation change whereby a player that is released at Minor PeeWee on a AAA Waiver can effectively continue to participate with the same Team for the remainder of his Minor Hockey experience. This regulation change was not in effect when the Hamilton AAA Zone Pilot was approved, and in turn does not align with the objectives of the Pilot - to promote the game in Hamilton by providing freedom of movement within the boundaries of Hamilton.

As such the following adjustment is made to the original Pilot guidelines: Subject to Item 1a), In the first four days of tryouts, Players must be released by both of the Hamilton AAA organizations before undertaking movement outside of the Hamilton zone. Subsequent to the first four days of tryouts, a player must obtain a release from each Hamilton AAA team where they attended tryouts. Players not resident in the boundaries of the Hamilton zone must be released by both Hamilton AAA organizations before undertaking movement through Hamilton.

Permission to Skate Forms

Effective for the 2019-2020 season, Permission to Skate Forms are required by any player resident to the Hamilton AAA Zone attending AAA Tryouts from their Home Centre. The Home Centre will make the Permission to Skate out to 'Hamilton AAA Zone' and players can decide to attend either Hamilton Bulldogs or Hamilton Huskies AAA tryouts, but cannot try out for both teams at the same time.

Midget AAA

The Hamilton Huskies will not be offering a Midget AAA program for 2019-2020 season. Hamilton Residents that played with the Hamilton Huskies during the 2018-2019 season can skate with the Hamilton Bulldogs until August 23. After August 23 Hamilton Residents would be eligible to either Alliance or OMHA teams without a release from the Bulldogs. If the player wants to move beyond the Alliance or OMHA they would get the release from the Hamilton Bulldogs. Players that played on a Waiver or Release in the 2018-2019 season have the option to choose the Hamilton Bulldogs or the location they played last year to participate up until August 23. After August 23 the Player would follow the rules in Regulation J.















