



Flamborough Rep Tryout Policy 2024

For this document where FHA is mentioned the rules, regulations, and policies of the Flamborough Hockey Association (herein known as "FHA"), the City of Hamilton, and OMHA Code of Conduct will govern the FHA rep tryout process. **Note:** If a family is not current with registration and/or overdue payments with the FHA or the team at any point in time, the player cannot participate in any on ice or off ice activities. Ongoing payment issues may result in player's offers being revoked. The FHA definition of being current is twofold: first, the fees must be current and second, the player/parent must have agreed to the waiver regarding all FHA terms, conditions, rules & policies as specified in the tryout and/or general registration online registration process. If a player/parent does not agree to the waiver online, the player/parent must sign the waiver in Appendix A of this manual before being allowed to participate in FHA tryouts and/or programs.

Tryouts this year will be conducted in two separate timeframes. Spring tryouts will consist of U10-U16 AA and A teams. Fall tryouts will consist of U7-U9MD and U18 AA teams. Rostered Select tryouts will also be hosted in the fall.

Rep team fees and payments schedule is posted FHA website at www.flamboroughhockey.com.

Check in Process:

Please do not arrive more than 20 minutes prior to your scheduled tryout time.

Step 1 –Tryout Identification Number (TIN#)

The TIN # is a randomly assigned coded number to identify each player without identifying their name and will be emailed to each player prior to first tryout. After the tryout, and before the next tryout, the players who are selected to advance will be posted on the FHA website www.flamboroughhockey.com and identified by the age group and their TIN #. Please keep your TIN # card private. The TIN # system will be in effect until the last tryout. **Please note that the player's TIN # will remain the same for AA & A as applicable.**

Step 2 – Pick up Tryout Jersey

Upon arrival at tryouts, players proceed to the jersey table upstairs to pick up their assigned tryout jersey. Signed NRP forms, outstanding tryout fees and proof of contact clinic completion will be collected as appropriate.

General Rules:

Each individual player at all levels is required to attend a minimum of 2 tryout sessions in order to be considered for a position for all levels of representative hockey within the FHA. Exceptions will be if a player is released after one AA tryout and then proceeds to A tryouts. **Any player commencing the tryout process after the first scheduled tryout; that player must receive permission from the Rep Director. Players may**

not randomly start the tryout process after the first tryout has taken place. Players absent from tryouts must inform the Rep Director at repdirector@flamboroughhockey.com. In age groups where there are a large number of skaters and/or goalies, the FHA reserves the right to have the current season AA players start the tryout process after the first tryout.

Each player that played at the rep level in the previous season must try out for one level above what they played at last season (Eg. A or BB player from 2023-2024 must begin tryouts for 2024-2025 season at AA). For those players that played at the rostered select/house league level last season, they have the choice to begin tryouts at the level that they are most comfortable with, including waiting until rostered select tryouts in the fall.

All releases or offers to join the team, will be made via the FHA website at www.flamboroughhockey.com by TIN#. If a player is offered a position with a AA team and refuses that position, the player is released directly to house league and is not eligible to try out for the A team at their age level. If a player is offered a position with an A team and refuses that position, the player is released directly to house league and is not eligible to try out for the rostered select team at their age level. Exceptions to this may be considered under extenuating circumstances with approval from the FHA Rep Director. If any player refuses an offer of commitment to any rep team, they will **not** be eligible to be an affiliate player (AP) for any rep team in the current season. If a player wants to be considered as an AP, they must attend tryouts. In absence or shortage of players due to unforeseen circumstances the Rep Director and or Rep Committee may consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis as they pertain to AP players who have not attended tryouts.

A mandatory, and non-refundable, tryout fee is to be paid in full to the FHA prior to the beginning of the first tryout. Player residency and eligibility rules will apply as set forth by the OMHA guidelines, policies, and rules.

All players must wear proper CSA approved equipment including mouth guard and neck guard, failure to do so will result in the player being removed from the tryouts until proper equipment is worn.

Any player missing tryouts due to medical and or injury reasons must notify the Rep Director in writing before the start of the first tryout and that player will be looked at on an individual basis. A doctor's note shall be provided to the Rep Director.

Any player wishing to try out at a higher age level must have permission from the FHA Rep Director and must be considered an exceptional player. Applications for upward movement must be made in writing. The FHA Rep Committee shall determine exceptional status of a player.

The FHA reserves the right to combine the minor and major age group to form one A or MD team or continue with only a minor or major A or MD team. This will be announced during tryouts. Every division must first enter a major AA team as per OMHA rules.

If deemed appropriate to improve the level of competition, the FHA or the OMHA, or TriCounty may move teams to a different category for the regular season, the playoffs, or both.

Players may be evaluated by evaluator(s) along with the Head Coach of the team they are trying out for. Evaluators and coaches will follow guidelines set forth by the FHA. An evaluator can be a current or previous coach of the FHA (or another hockey association), an FHA member, outside coaches, FHA Board Members, former or current professional and amateur players or coaches, or instructors. The evaluator(s) will work with the selected Head Coach and FHA Board Members in order to select the players suitable for that specific age group and level. At no time during the tryouts/evaluations, will the evaluator(s) or the Head Coach sit with and discuss evaluations with any parent or player. Each team is required to carry the number of players set

forth by the FHA as described in the rep manual that is on the website at the time of tryouts. The Rep Director along with the Rep Committee has the right to alter the number of players a particular team can carry depending on various circumstances. Under no circumstances will teams be required to carry the maximum number of skaters if the FHA, with input from the evaluator(s), determine that there are players who are not at the appropriate level of play for that category or level.

Any parent or player who enters the independent evaluator room or the FHA board meeting room without invitation or attempts to contact independent evaluators or attempts to solicit or accept a deal to ensure their player is on the team, may be deemed as to be interfering with the tryout process and the player may be removed from the tryout process and will be subject to further discipline. Any player/parent contacting the Head Coach prior to, or during the tryout process, in attempt to confirm acceptance onto the team may be deemed to be interfering with the tryout and may be removed from the team

Under no circumstances should a parent/player contact the Head Coach to discuss the player's release and/or evaluation. All written evaluations are property of the FHA and are considered confidential

Players moving into Flamborough after tryouts will be given an opportunity to tryout at a later date providing there is a spot available on the team they are trying out for and in accordance with OMHA rules. For players moving into Flamborough, documentation of residential transfer must be completed and approved through Hockey Canada before participating in tryouts.

Note: Once the offer of commitment form is signed, the FHA will not release any players unless the player is moving or as deemed by the OMHA.

The FHA and the Head Coach will work together to determine AP players for each rep team. No meetings will be set up with parents & players to discuss why a player was not selected to AP.

The FHA reserves the right to alter tryout rules as deemed necessary. The FHA reserves the right to make changes based on typographical errors.

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