## KMHA: Policy # KJR - 3.1

**Title:** Rep Tryouts and Releases

## **Policy Statement:**

Public tryouts will be held for Rep (AAA, AA, A) and MD teams as advertised locally. Additional team tryouts are communicated to the participants by the Coaching Staffs until their roster is complete.

## All Try outs have transitioned to the Fall for the 2021 season

The OHF and Alliance Hockey have implemented new Tryout pathways, including 7 day windows to complete tryouts. The OHF and Alliance Hockey have stated coaches have until 11:59pm on the 4th day to sign players or the player may request their release from the KMHA office

Players wishing to attend tryouts must meet the following criteria.

1.Must be registered with KMHA for the season BEFORE registering for Tryouts through the means provided by the KMHA office/board of directors. Except for the U18 AAA
2. Must be in good standing. (up to date on fees from any previous seasons, and returned all gear belonging to KMHA)

3. Zone players from New Hamburg must provide their permission to skate prior to attending tryouts. U10 and U11 AAA is open to all players/goalies. U12 to U18, only players/goalies who played AAA or AA the previous season are permitted to tryout.. 4. Import players must provide an F1 Waiver to attend Tryouts.

Players may only:

1. U11 and below tryouts are open and players may tryout at any level they wish. (players have not been seen or played long enough for coaches to have a reasonable knowledge of their skills)

2. U12 and above players may only register to try out 1 level above where they played last year. For example House and House Select may tryout at MD, MD may tryout at Seeded, and Seeded may tryout at AAA. You are always able to tryout for a level below where you played last season if you wish or if you are released.

RATIONAL: This decision has been made to allow coaches the maximum amount of time to see players prior to the end of day four and prior to issuing F1 Waivers. This will provide players the optimal opportunity to showcase their abilities during tryouts and allow coaches with their team selection within the timeframe mandated by the OHF (7 days) 3. These rules apply to all move in players as well according to the level of hockey they played where they last were participating.

4. Players that participated in non-sanctioned hockey in the prior season may tryout according to the last level they played in Hockey Canada sanctioned programming. If a player has never played Hockey Canada sanctioned programming they would be considered to have played recreational/House League Hockey (said player may still be invited by the coach)

Coaches: You may select up to 10 players from levels below on an invitational basis to register for tryouts.

Waivers/Releases are permitted at AAA ONLY except for U16 & U18 AA/A who are permitted to tryout for an Alliance AA/A centre on a waiver.