

Coquitlam Minor Hockey "A"Evaluations - 2023-2024 Season

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Season!

Please read through this handout carefully as it contains important information.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that playing Rep Hockey requires a larger commitment of time and money than the recreational division. Players can expect to be with the team on/off the ice four (4) or more times a week including games, practices, on-ice development, and dryland training which will result in higher team fees as outlined below. To allow CMHA Representative Teams to compete at an elite level, <u>a full commitment</u> from players, parents, coaches and all involved is expected, and required.

All Representative teams fall under the jurisdiction of the CMHA, PCAHA & BCAHA and will follow the guidelines as set forth by the policies and procedures of the CMHA Executive, these policies can be accessed on our website www.coquitlamminorhockey.org.

Please take note of the following:

Code of Conduct

Players must adhere to the CMHA Code of Conduct and are expected to model positive citizenship in the community through their personal conduct and actions both on and off the ice. Parents and players, please note, you are required to adhere to our Code of Conduct and poor behaviour may result in ejection from the tryouts. (https://coquitlamminorhockey.org/code-of-conduct/)

Rep Evaluations

The option to try out for a rep team must be selected at time of registration. If you fail to register for the Evaluations at the registration deadline you will not be eligible to play Rep Hockey with CMHA. Any exceptions will be solely at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Rep Evaluation fee is 100% non-refundable (exceptions being a season shutdown or upon medical application).

Please ensure you regularly check your division webpage for updates, announcements, and ice times.

<u>Players may not choose which team they will be placed on either during or after the selection process</u>.

- Players withdrawing from assigned teams during or after tryouts <u>without VP approval</u> may lose the privilege to play on any other CMHA team for the current year.
- Players who withdraw during or after tryouts <u>with VP approval</u> may be considered for play in a different division *if there is room in that division*.
- Players who withdraw from their assigned team once tryouts have ended may not be eligible for returning player registration or for Representative Evaluations.

Player Releases

Releasing players at any age is a difficult task - we assure you we do our best to ensure the player releases are done with sensitivity and respect for everyone involved. We encourage Parents to remain supportive of their child whatever the result is from the evaluations by remaining calm and guiding your player through the process by congratulating them after each session, staying positive and showing them how proud you are of them for whatever level of achievement they have attained. Remind your child that a team is made up of players with different strengths and skill sets and *the coaches pick their team based on a variety of factors required to create the team, not just individual skill levels.*

Representative Teams shall ideally have non-parent paid coaches and the expectation is that the Association can attract talented and experienced rep coaches that can provide excellence in instruction and mentorship to the players to play and compete at the highest tiers. We must have some trust and respect in these qualified professionals. The coaches have a difficult job in the selection process and once all teams are selected there may be parents who will disagree with the choices. Please be reminded that Coaches look at many different talents and skills of each of the players including attitude, character, work ethic, respect for other players and coachability.

Please be supportive of all CMHA members, players and our coaches and <u>adhere to the twenty four</u> (24) hour rule (except in the case of a player Review Request).

CMHA, together with the independent evaluators and coaches endeavour to provide a fair, unbiased selection process, including but not limited to the selection committee committing to ensuring the choosing of the most competitive team consisting of the best players in their expected roles.

Team Expectations

Some of the basic expectations of Rep Hockey include 100% attendance from every player to all practices, games and outings and that all parents MUST volunteer in some capacity to assist the team. (Note: This is separate from required Association volunteer hours)

Team Fees

- An estimate of additional costs associated with rep hockey is estimated to be between \$1500 and \$2500 for all rep teams at the U11A, U13A & U15A level.
 Please note this is only a projection of cost and may not represent the actual cost.
- These fees include such expenses as a paid coach, tournament fees, on & off ice development, dry-land, CMHA rep fee, ref fees @\$124/game, goalie development, extra ice, team clothing, year end party, etc

Attention: All players that are intending to tryout for BC Hockey Zone, Academy or Junior try-out camp please ensure you adhere to the following in order to remain eligible to play hockey for CMHA:

- 1. All players **must** be registered for the current season with CMHA and the representative try-out fee must be paid;
- 2. All players require pre-approval from the Registrar;
- 3. All players are required to inform the Registrar of dates of absence and possible return
- 4. All players should attend as many of the evaluation skates as possible (with 1 as the minimum) and where a camp is local they will be responsible to attend both, unless provided permission from the Registrar & VP.
- 5. Please be aware that the above procedure does not guarantee you will play for a CMHA Rep team, only that you may be considered, all other CMHA Policies will apply.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, we look forward to seeing all the players on the ice very soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate VP for your division.

Sincerely,
Jolene Allegretto - 1st Vice President (U15A, U18A, U21)
Justine Boulin - 2nd Vice President (U13A)
Sandra Aubertin - 3rd Vice President (U11A)