

# Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey Association Joshua Creek Arenas, 1663 North Service Rd. E., Oakville, ON

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## **REP TRYOUT POLICY 2025-2026**

#### **General Information**

Evaluations will be standardized for most levels. All players seeking to play Rep for the 2025/2026 season must register for the tryouts and pay the applicable fee. Upon registration, each player will be assigned a unique identifying code via email a day prior to the start of the tryouts. The Association will post on our website online after each tryout which players are invited to return to that team's next tryout. Individual players can determine their status by checking to see if their code appears on the list posted online without others being able to tell whether that player is on the list or not. For siblings, please register each player separately by logging out after registering the first player and login in again for the second player. **The deadline to register for our rep tryouts is 11:59pm - April 20th.** 

Head Coaches are expected to evaluate eligible players for next season from the time of their appointment until the completion of tryouts. Evaluation would include watching eligible players play/practice and reviewing feedback. from current Head and Assistant Coaches. The tryouts are the end of the assessment process. Head Coaches may offer spots to players prior to the tryouts.

By the commencement of the first tryout, Head Coaches will publicize how many spots are available on the team.

At the tryouts, Head Coaches will have the support of an appointed impartial Player Selection Committee. The final choice will rest with the Head Coach, but input will be provided by the Player Selection Committee.

Player re-assignments will be conducted in a consistent, fair, and professional manner following Hockey Canada guidelines.

## **Imports**

The Board of Directors has approved a limited number of imports for U18AA, U15AA, U13AA and U11AA for the 2025/2026 season. The Coaches of these teams are at liberty to offer spots to import players currently playing for the Oakville Hornets. For any new import players, these Coaches must get the import player approved by the Director of Rep. We do not allow for imports at the A and below in with the exception of the goalie position division. Import Players will be allowed on other level Rep teams on a specific exceptional basis only, as determined by the Board.

#### **Timing**

There will be no formal tryouts for U22AA Junior, U18 (all levels), U15AA, and U13AA. At the first tryouts for all level teams, current Oakville Hornets players in good standing as well as any Oakville resident players can participate (permission to tryout form required if played at another girls' team in Ontario). Subsequent tryouts will be by invitation only (view tryout results on our website). Eligible imports with permission to tryout form or release can also attend tryouts for those teams that allow imports.

Goalies must attend the team tryouts at the appropriate level as well.

### **Minimum Tryout Requirement**

Players must try out for one level above the team they are currently playing on if staying in the same division. If moving up an age group, players must tryout at the same level as they are currently playing. For example, a minor currently on the U13B team must try out for the U13BB team. A major currently playing on a U13BB team must at least tryout for the U15BB team.

The minimum tryout requirement does not apply to players returning to or moving up to U18 which will NOT have tryouts this season. Players were selected from various venues including a series of black and white games.

An exception to the minimum tryout requirement may be granted by the Director of Rep. Please email requests to rep@oakvillehornets.com. The deadline for requesting an exception is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

If a player does not attend the first tryout at the minimum required level and return for each subsequent tryout to which she is invited, or if a player attends the appropriate tryouts and declines a spot offered on the team, the player will not be eligible to play rep for the 2025/2026 season.

#### **Playing Above Your Age Level**

Players may only tryout for a higher age group after having received Board approval. Please email requests to rep@oakvillehornets.com. The deadline for requesting an exception is April 13th.

#### **Absences**

Absences from a single tryout may be permitted at the discretion of the Head Coach of the team the tryout relates to or the Director of Rep. Email requests to rep@oakvillehornets.com.

### Permission to Tryout Forms (Formally Called Permission to Skate)

If you like to tryout at another Association, please complete a Request for a Permission to Tryout Form from the Rep tab on our website. The Permission to Tryout form will be emailed back to you.

Please direct questions to Elsie Perioris at info@oakvillehornets.com or Pat O'Kelly, Director of Rep at rep@oakvillehornets.com.