



Elite Council

Governing Elite Hockey for Hockey Calgary

Hockey Calgary Elite Council 2nd Tryout Policy – U15/U17/U18 AAA

Residency

- Residency of a player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications, which are governed and enforced by Hockey Calgary.
- Hockey Calgary (Zone 9) has 4 Elite Draw zones, which are reviewed on a continual basis and amended as necessary to ensure equity in number of players associated to each zone.

AAA Tryout Procedures

- Players are only eligible to **'tryout for a maximum of two (2) AAA teams'**, as per Hockey Alberta guidelines; your home Association, and one (1) other (if you are accepted).
- To be eligible for a '2nd Tryout' all players must first tryout for the AAA team in their respective Hockey Calgary Elite Draw Zone Area (CBHA, CNHA, CRAA, NWCAA).
- Specific procedures for the AAA tryout process will be provided by the respective association (CBHA, CNHA, CRAA, NWCAA). **This will constitute the players first tryout as per Hockey Alberta guidelines.**
- 15 Year Old Players who are released from their home Association's U18 AAA team are NOT permitted a 2nd tryout at the U18 level, they must report to the U17 AAA tryout within their home Association (as per Hockey Alberta Guidelines).

2nd Tryout Policy

- The Hockey Calgary draw zone is made up of the 4 Elite Associations in Calgary (CBHA, CNHA, CRAA, NWCAA), **and you are required to access your 2nd tryout at one of these 4 programs.**
- Players who secure a 2nd tryout will not be permitted to skate with the new Association until that Association has made their first set of releases, thus providing the Association time to assess the talent level and their needs (not before Sept. 01, 2026).
- **If all 4 Elite Hockey Calgary Programs decline a 2nd tryout you are then permitted to contact other MHA's (ie. Airdrie, Cochrane, Okotoks) to secure a 2nd tryout.**

2nd Tryout Process

- Securing a 2nd tryout is the sole responsibility of the player (and/or their family)
- The player has **seven (7) days** from the date of release from their home Association to contact another Association and secure a 2nd tryout.
- There is no obligation for an 'Association' to accept the player, and Associations will accept players based on need, and the perceived talent of that player in relation to their current tryout roster.



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- Players wishing a 2nd tryout should contact the following key personnel of the preferred Association to arrange a 2nd tryout, the contact information is as follows:
 - CBHA – Lori McDonald – lori.mcd@outlook.com
 - CNHA – Jesse Hale – gm@calgarynorthstars.com
 - CRAA – Juanita Renwick – juanitarenwick@gmail.com
 - NWCAA – Ryan Laverty – rlaverty@nwcaa.ca
- These key contacts will work with the respective coaches in their Association to determine if there is interest in evaluating the player against their current tryout roster.
- Once a player has secured an Association for a 2nd tryout, he is required to complete the 'Elite Waiver Form' to access the 2nd tryout, see link to form below:
 - <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/forms/>
 - Navigate to "Elite/AA Forms"
 - Select "Elite Player Waiver Form"
 - **NOTE:** Within Calgary this form is only required for 2nd tryouts
 - The box requiring 'Team Coach/GM and 'GM/President' should be filled out as follows:
 - **Team Coach/GM Email** – One of the 4 contacts above
 - **MHA GM/President Email** - Kevin.kobelka@hockeycalgary.com
- There is a 2 skate minimum that a team must offer, if after two (2) skates the team decides you are not capable of playing for their team they can release you.
- **This will be considered your 2nd tryout**, and you will now be returned to your home Association to continue tryouts with the AA program.
- Players who do not obtain a tryout with another association will return to their home association to continue in the AA tryout process.

2nd Tryouts AA

- Each Elite program within Calgary hosts 2 or 3 AA teams for each age category, as such when you are evaluating for these teams you are being observed by 2 or 3 separate coaching staffs.
- **This is considered as '2 tryouts'**. If you do not secure a roster spot on one of these teams you are required to report to community program that corresponds to your residency.
- The only exception to this rule is if an Elite Calgary organization declares 'In Need' at a specific age category or position due to low player enrollment. If this occurs information will be communicated by the 'In Need' organization to be shared with players who are released.

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