



Governing Elite Hockey for Hockey Calgary

## *Elite Council*

### **Hockey Calgary Elite Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Tryout Policy – U18AAA**

#### **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 by that program).
- To be eligible for a ‘2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout at the U18 level, they must report to the U17 AAA tryout within their home Association (as per Hockey Alberta Guidelines).

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tryout Policy**

- The Hockey Calgary draw zone is made up of the 4 Elite Associations in Calgary (CBHA, CNHA, CRAA, NWCAA), **and you must access your 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout at one of these 4 programs.**
- If you cannot secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout at one of the 3 remaining AAA programs within Calgary, then you are required to return to your home Association to continue the AA tryout process.
- Players who secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 08, 2025).

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tryout Process**

- Securing a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout.



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- 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.
- Players wishing a 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout should contact the following key personnel of the preferred Association to arrange a 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout, the contact information is as follows:
  - CBHA – Lori McDonald – [lori.mcd@outlook.com](mailto:lori.mcd@outlook.com)
  - CNHA – Jesse Hale – [gm@calgarynorthstars.com](mailto:gm@calgarynorthstars.com)
  - CRAA – Juanita Renwick – [juanitarenwick@gmail.com](mailto:juanitarenwick@gmail.com)
  - NWCAA – Ryan Laverty – [rlaverty@nwcaa.ca](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout he is required to complete the 'HA Elite Waiver Form' to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout, see link to form below:
  - <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/aehl-waiver-form/>
  - **NOTE:** Within Calgary this form is only required for 2<sup>nd</sup> tryouts
  - The box requiring 'Resident MHA President' should be filled out as follows:
    - Resident MHA – Hockey Calgary
    - Resident MHA Email - [Kevin.kobelka@hockeycalgary.com](mailto:Kevin.kobelka@hockeycalgary.com)
- There is no requirement on the minimum # of skates a team must offer, if after one (1) skate the team decides you are not capable of playing for their team they can release you.
  - **This will be considered your 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### End of Season

- At the end of the season all players who secure spots on teams outside of their 'Home Association' are returned to their 'Home Association' to tryout for the subsequent season.
- If you wish to stay with your 'New Association' moving forward, you can make a request to Hockey Calgary at the completion of the season (between May 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>).

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