



# 2018-19 AAA TRYOUTS

## Pilot Project FAQs

As announced on February 6, 2018 the following Motion has been passed by the OMHA Board:

“To approve a 2-year pilot project commencing 2018-19 to have AAA tryouts except for Major Midget completed within 7 days of commencement of tryouts. A player must be offered a player registration by the end of the fourth day. AAA tryouts shall commence from the first Monday following OHF Championships. AA and below tryouts would not commence until completion of AAA tryouts.”

These FAQs have been compiled from a list of anticipated questions as well as questions that have already been asked. If you are a parent and have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact your Association. If you are an Association representative please contact your Regional Director and/or District VP.

Q1: Why has this pilot project been introduced?

A: This pilot project has been introduced in order to have all OMHA AAA tryouts following the same timelines. Effective with the 2017-18 season the tryout timelines for OMHA AAA teams, based in the Lake Ontario Region (LOR), were changed to a seven-day window with positions being offered to players, that the team wishes to protect, by the end of Day Four. This pilot project brings OMHA AAA teams outside of the LOR into line with the OMHA teams within the LOR.

Q2: Are all OMHA AAA divisions participating in the pilot project?

A: Yes - all OMHA AAA divisions, Novice to Minor Midget, are participating in the pilot project with the following exceptions: Major Midget will be governed by OHF “Regulation ‘J’ Major Midget AAA”; OMHA LOR AAA programming will follow the OHF LOR Regulations E46 – E82.

Q3: What day is considered the commencement of tryouts? Is it the first Monday following the OHF Championships, or, is it the first day that an individual team holds their first tryout? A: Tryouts commence the first Monday following the OHF Championships. For the 2018-19 season that date is April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Q4: What day is considered Day Four? Is it the fourth day following the commencement of tryouts, or, is it the fourth day following the first tryout for an individual team?

A: Day Four of the tryouts is calculated from the commencement of tryouts, which for the 2018- 19 season is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, offers must be made to any player that the team wishes to protect by end of Day Four, which for the 2018-19 season is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Q5: Are OMHA AAA tryouts limited to seven days?

A: No, OMHA AAA tryouts may take place over a longer period of time than the official seven-day window. Any player, in compliance with OHF Regulations E17, E18 and E19, to whom the team wishes to offer a position, must be offered the position by the end of Day Four by the methods outlined in the OHF Regulations.

Q6: Are AA and below team's part of the pilot project?

A: No - AA and below teams are not part of the pilot project and may schedule their tryouts as they have in the past beginning on Day Eight.

Q7: If a player is not offered a position with their OMHA AAA Zone team by Day Four but are invited to continue to tryout with the AAA team, may that player also participate with their home centre tryouts once they begin on Day Eight?

A7: Yes - if a player is continuing with their OMHA Zone team tryouts after Day Four, but have not yet been offered a position with the AAA Team, they may also attend the scheduled tryouts with their home centre beginning on Day Eight.

Q8: Must an OMHA team sign ALL my players by the end of Day Four?

A: No - a team may sign players after Day Four, however, the team will only be able to protect those players to whom they have offered a position by the end of Day Four.

Q9: May players eligible on OHF Waiver(s) attend adjacent AAA tryouts prior to the end of Day Four?

A: Yes - any player in possession of the required OHF Waiver(s) may attend tryouts prior to/or after Day Four of the tryouts with their adjacent AAA zone(s)/centre(s). OHF Regulation E44 applies.

Q10: If a team does not offer a position with the team by the end of Day Four is the team required to issue an OHF Waiver?

A: If a team does not offer a position with the team by the end of Day Four the team cannot refuse to issue the player an OHF Waiver if one is requested. The player has the option to continue on with the team's tryouts, and/or, request the OHF Waiver.

Q11: When can AA and below Centres, that are feeder centres to an OMHA AAA Zone or part of an OMHA AAA centre, start their tryouts?

A: AA and below centres, that are feeder centres to an OMHA AAA Zone or part of an OMHA AAA centre, may commence their tryouts on Day Eight following the start of the AAA tryouts. For the 2018-19 season AAA Zone/Centre starts their tryouts on April 16, 2018. Tryouts for AA and below teams, that are feeder centres to an OMHA AAA Zone or part of an OMHA AAA centre, may begin on Day Eight which for the 2018-19 season is April 23, 2018.

Q12: Our Association is a feeder centre for a AAA Alliance Zone. How are we impacted by this change?

A: There are no changes to the tryout timelines for OMHA Centres that are feeder centres of Alliance AAA Zones. The current 14 day window will apply and AA and below centres, that are feeder centres of Alliance AAA Zones, may not start their tryouts until the completion of their Alliance AAA Zone tryouts.