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Spring Tryout Clarification Feb 13, 2025

As we transition to Spring tryouts, we'd like to send a friendly reminder about the importance of registering early for the tryout process. Early registration will ensure that you don't miss the opportunity to be considered for an Elite team in Airdrie (AAA and AA). This is a new process for everyone and represents a significant change in how teams will be selected, with Spring tryouts serving as the primary method for player evaluation.

To safeguard the financial interests of the Association, it is essential that we secure ice commitments by March 1. Failure to do so may result in paying for unused ice. In addition to the Spring registration, it is crucial that we provide the city with accurate participation numbers. This will enable us to request additional ice if available or release unused ice in the event of lower-than-expected enrollment in specific programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I've signed up for both AAA and AA. What happens to my money if my player makes AAA?

If your player makes the higher-level team, we will do a credit against your Fall fees. For instance, if your player tries out for AAA and is offered a commitment, they no longer need to attend the AA tryouts, and your AA tryout fees will be applied as a credit towards your team fees in the fall.

2. How will Spring Commitments work?

1. From the AAA Spring Tryouts – We will commit up to 15 players for the U13AAA, U15AAA and U18AAA teams, and up to 15 invites to go straight to the Fall Main Camp for each of the teams. For U17AAA we will commit up to 6 players who will also get an invitation to the Fall Main U18AAA Camp.
2. There will be a AAA Last Chance camp in the Fall - "open tryouts" with up to 10 invited to Fall Main Camp to join the 30 from spring camp. There will be no Tier minimums for this camp. Due to Ice availability restrictions the registration numbers for these camps will be capped so please when they open, get your registrations in early so you won't be disappointed.
3. AAA Fall Main Camp - will be made up of the committed players, invited from spring tryout players and invited from the last chance camp players.
4. AA commitments – in the Spring we will commit up to six players to AA (or the number of eligible returning players if more than 6), and those players will be invited to the AAA Fall Main Camp with an opportunity to make the AAA team (this does not apply to U16AA committed players, but U16AA committed players will have an opportunity for U18AAA through the Last Chance Camp option).
5. For returning AA players, if your player is a "veteran" (played on the same AA team in 2024/25) we recognize that the original communication indicated that you don't HAVE to sign up for Spring. However, we strongly encourage you to sign up for Spring Tryouts as this is the only way that he/she will have the opportunity to be presented with a commitment offer for the team. If veterans don't attend Spring Tryouts, they will still be invited to the Fall tryouts, but the reality is that some spots will already be spoken for, from those that attended Spring tryouts and received

commitment offers.

6. For those divisions that do not have a AAA team (U11 and the female divisions), the AA team will be treated similarly to the divisions with AAA teams, meaning those teams can commit up to 15 players from the Spring Tryouts.
7. For any players attending one of the Hockey Alberta Showcase tournaments during the same timeframe as their tryouts, they may be considered for signing without attending the AEHC Spring Tryouts.

Revised Tryout Dates (Including the changes of February 5, 2025)

	Spring Tryouts
U18 AAA	April 3-6, 2025
U17 AAA	April 3-6, 2025
U18 AA	May 1-4, 2025
U16 AA	May 8-11, 2025
U18 AA Female	April 10-13, 2025
U15 AAA	April 3-6, 2025
U15 AA	May 1-4, 2025
U15 AA Female	May 1-4, 2025
U13 AAA	April 10-13, 2025
U13 AA	May 1-4, 2025
U13 AA Female	May 8-11, 2025
U11 AA	April 10-13, 2025

Regards,



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