



# A/AA Tryout Process

2025 - 2026 Season

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# A/AA Level of Play Considerations





# A/AA Commitment

In most cases, the commitment level is more demanding than B and C level of play, both in time and financially.

Coaches often go over this at tryouts and will require the families of the final team roster to sign a contract indicating your acceptance of the commitment level.

All AA/A levels play in the Great Lakes Ringette League (GLRL).

This region covers the area from Chatham to Oshawa to Barrie and everywhere in between (Southern, Central and Western Regions)





# A/AA Commitment

There are fewer AA teams, so the travel distance is greater and more frequent.

A teams will still travel the same distances, but have more opportunity for closer to home games.

Main difference is level of play.

AA/A level teams tend to enter more tournaments at farther distances which does increase the financial investment by families.





# RAB Tryout Timelines

## **AA Tryouts**

April 16 - May 3

## **AA Team Declaration**

May 5

## **A Tryouts**

May 7 - 24


## **A Team Declaration**

June 2



# How do Tryouts Work?





# Tryouts - Step 1

## Registration and Payment

Register and pay for your tryouts with EACH association you intend to tryout for.

Some associations will offer packages, some will require payment on the day of the tryout. Please see each associations website for more details.

If an association is using RAMP for tryout registration, you can find it under “Registration” on their website





# Tryouts - Step 2

## Tryout Attendance (Open Tryouts)

Any athlete that has given their **intent** to tryout and has registered and/or paid can attend the tryout

For any association requiring payment ahead of time they may not let you on the ice if you haven't made payment

If you cannot make a tryout because of family commitments or conflicts etc., let the coach or association know ASAP.

If there are tryouts at the same time for 2 or more associations, you must attend the tryouts that are first in your pathway (home, current, closest)

Attendance is tracked at each tryout and is updated usually within 24 - 48 hours of the tryout date on the player tracking form



# Tryouts - Step 3

## Invitation Only

Athletes may be informed they did not make the team after one tryout. Decisions are recommended to be communicated by email.

If cuts are being made you may receive notice that you have been cut (Roster Spot not Offered) or that you are invited back (invitation only), or you may receive an offer from the team (see Roster Spot Offered)

Invite only tryouts are used when teams need to make further cuts after 1 or 2 tryouts

Some coaches or associations will invite back all remaining players to come, while others will only invite back athletes they need to see again.

In other words, the top athletes may not be invited back because they already made the team and do not need to be seen again.





# Roster Spot Not Offered

If you receive a roster spot not offered letter through email, unfortunately you were not successful at that association's tryouts

This means, however, that you are now eligible to receive offers from your next closest association

It also means that you may consider trying out for the next level of play (ex: AA to A)

The roster spot not offered letter is the evidence coaches and associations will need as proof of release



# Roster Spot Offered

If you make the team for your home or current or closest association, your journey is almost done!

You will receive a “Roster Spot Offered” letter from the coach or association, usually through email.

You will be given 48 hours to accept or reject the offer

If you accept, you are now on the team

If you reject the spot, your ONLY option for the upcoming season is to return to your home association and play there.

If a player rejects AA because they would like to play for A, our Association will support the athlete’s and families decision.



# Roster Spot - Other Association

If you are trying out at a variety of associations, coaches or associations CANNOT offer you a spot on the roster until you have received confirmation from an email that you have not made any teams in between.

This will come in form of a “Roster Spot Not Offered”

If you make a team with an association other than your HOME association, you have a little more work to do

Once you have accepted a roster spot OUTSIDE of your home association, you will be required to fill out the Player Release Form from Ringette Ontario.

Your association’s president or registrar will help you through this process



# Distance Matrix



# Distance Matrix - Key Terms

**Home Association:** The local association to which the player is eligible to play by residency. (Example: I live in Markham so my home association is Markham-Stouffville)

**Current Association:** The association to which a player has been released for level of play for the current season will then be considered the player's "Current Association".  
(Example: Markham-Stouffville player played for Richmond Hill U14AA this season, so they are now current to Richmond Hill)

**Closest Association:** The next closest association offering the desired level of play as indicated on the closest association matrix.  
(Example: The next closest association to Paris is Cambridge)



# Distance Matrix

Players MUST go to tryouts at their home or current association if they offer the age and level the athlete intends to tryout for

A bona fide effort must be given by the athlete at each tryout

Sometimes your home association does not offer AA/A level of play for your age group or you simply want to give your player as many opportunities as possible to play at a higher level - if this is the case you MUST follow the Closest Association Matrix

## **RAB**

- 1st HRA
- 2nd MRA
- 3rd CAL





# Distance Matrix 1

What this means: athletes must go to the closest association offering the level of play.

Example: If a Barrie player wants to tryout for U14A and Barrie and Newmarket are not offering U14A, they would check the matrix and see that the next closest association

Markham-Stouffville (not offering U14A), Richmond Hill (offering U14A), Etobicoke (not offering), Mississauga U14A, (offering U14A) and Burlington (offering U14A).

The player may attend each of these tryouts, but cannot skip any center offering U14A.

In other words, they cannot skip Richmond Hill and go to Mississauga or Burlington



# Distance Matrix 2

Audrey lives in Barrie. This year she played U14A for Richmond Hill.

She wants to tryout for U16A for the 2025-2026 season, what must she consider?

1. Is Barrie offering U16A? If yes, Audrey must tryout in Barrie (Home comes before Current and Closest)
2. Audrey finds out that Barrie is not offering U16A, but Newmarket and Richmond Hill are.

Newmarket is her closest association and Richmond Hill is her current association, so what does she have to do?

3. Current comes before closest, so Audrey **MUST** attend tryouts in Richmond Hill and can choose to attend tryouts in Newmarket.



# Team Formation 25-26 Season





# Team Approvals

Based on Athlete Intents, RAB was approved for the following teams

- U14AA
- U16A
- U16AA
- U19A
- U19AA

U12A and all Regional (B) teams are determined in the Fall



# Local Association's Teams

U14A	U16A	U19A
Barrie Cambridge/Paris (host TBD) Hamilton Richmond Hill St. Catharines	Barrie Burlington Cambridge/Paris (CAM to host) Etobicoke Richmond Hill	Barrie Burlington Mississauga Paris Richmond Hill
U14AA	U16AA	U19AA
Burlington Richmond Hill	Barrie Burlington Richmond Hill	Burlington Richmond Hill



# Tryout Timelines

## AA - A (U14-U19)



# Tryouts - RAB AA Teams

<b>SESSION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Warmup	WED 16 APRIL	6:00 14AA, 7:00 16AA, 8:00 19AA
Tryout 1	WED 23 APRIL	6:00 14AA, 7:00 16AA, 8:00 19AA
Tryout 2*	SAT 26 APRIL	1:00 14AA, 2:00 16AA, 3:00 19AA
Tryout 3*	WED 30 APRIL	6:00 14AA, 7:00 16AA, 8:00 19AA
Tryout 4*	SAT 3 MAY	12:00 14AA, 1:00 16AA, 2:30 19AA

\*invitation only

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# Tryouts - RAB A Teams

<b>SESSION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Warmup	WED 7 MAY	7:00 16A, 8:00 19A
Tryout 1	SAT 10 MAY	2:00 16A, 3:00 19A
Tryout 2*	WED 14 MAY	7:00 16A, 8:00 19A
Tryout 3*	SAT 24 MAY	2:00 16A, 3:00 19A

**\*invitation only**

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# QUESTIONS?

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