



NEWS BULLETIN

NEW FOR 2025: SPRING TRYOUTS!

This extensive process will utilize the AAA/AA coaching staff as well as our traditional third party evaluators, and will allow access to all participants in the spring. CMHA is committed to having quality coaches in place for our Spring Tryouts; in the event of parent-coached teams, an independent oversight committee will be involved in the decision making.

Signing Offers (AAA only) and invitations to Main Camp, will be issued after careful review of the third party evaluation data and consensus by the evaluation committee and any applicable staff.

Spring ID Camp | Summer Warriors Camp | Main Camp

AAA

- All players & goaltenders wishing to play AAA are encouraged to register for the Spring ID Camp. In the event that registration numbers are higher than the number of spots available for this camp, priority will be given to the higher ranked players, according to their 2024/25 team. Players unable to participate in the Spring ID Camp due to high registration numbers will be directed to register for the Summer Warriors Camp that will take place in August.
- There will be a technical session for goaltenders. Attendance is mandatory to be considered for a Signing Offer.
- At the conclusion of the Spring ID Camp, up to 9 players &/or goaltenders can receive Signing Offers straight to the 2025-26 Team Roster (pending the release of the official policy from Hockey Alberta).
- At the conclusion of the Spring ID Camp, up to 40 players and up to 6 goaltenders (including those signed) can be invited to Main Camp in the fall. Main Camp is by invitation only.
- At the conclusion of the Spring ID Camp, all players and goaltenders without an invitation to Main Camp are welcome to register for the Summer Warriors Camp in August.
- In August, a Summer Warriors Camp will be held to fill the remaining spots for Main Camp. Up to 20 skaters and up to 4 goaltenders can be invited to Main Camp from the Summer Warriors Camp.
- No players or goaltenders will be signed directly from the Summer Warriors Camp.
- Registration for the Summer Warriors Camp opens with general registration June 1, 2025.
- AAA Main Camps are by invitation only. These invites will be issued from the Spring ID Camp and the Summer Warriors Camp (see above information). INVITED PLAYERS MUST REGISTER FOR MAIN CAMP PRIOR TO AUG 1, 2025 to avoid Late Registration Fees. Standard registration expectations apply.
- There will be two skates prior to first cuts at Main Camp.
- All players and goaltenders must attend the Spring ID Camp to be considered for a Signing Offer
- Registration for Spring ID Camp opens March 5th, 2025, and runs until 1 week prior to camp.

To make a AA/AAA team, do I have to attend Spring Tryouts?

This is the preferred path. If you have a conflict with attending our Spring ID Camp, you can register for the Summer Warriors Camp in August/September. Main Camp for all age divisions is by invitation only and those invites will be generated directly from the Spring ID and Summer Warriors Camps.



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- All players wishing to play AA are encouraged to register for the Spring ID Camp. In the event that registration numbers are higher than the number of spots available for this camp, priority will be given to the higher ranked players, according to their 2024/25 team. Players unable to participate in the Spring ID Camp due to high registration numbers will be directed to register for the Summer Warriors Camp that will take place in August/September.
- If you are wishing to evaluate for U13AA, please register for the U13AA/AAA Spring ID Camp. For the 2025/26 season the AA/AAA stream for U13 will be run concurrently.
- There will be a technical session for goaltenders in all age divisions.
- Any player or goaltender earning a Signing Offer to a AAA team will be refunded the full value of AA Spring ID Camp
- At the conclusion of Spring ID Camp, up to 40 players and up to 6 goaltenders can be invited to the Main Camp in the fall. Main Camp is by invitation only.
- At the conclusion of the Spring ID Camp, all players and goaltenders without an invitation to Main Camp are welcome to register for the Summer Warriors Camp in the fall.
- No Signing Offers will be issued for AA teams.
- In August/September, a Summer Warriors Camp will be held to fill the remaining spots for Main Camp. Up to 20 skaters and up to 4 goaltenders can be invited to Main Camp from the Summer Warriors Camp.
- Registration for the Summer Warriors Camp opens with general registration June 1, 2025.
- AA Main Camps are by invitation only. These invites will be issued from the Spring ID Camp and the Summer Warriors Camp (see above information). **INVITED PLAYERS MUST REGISTER FOR MAIN CAMP PRIOR TO AUG 1, 2025 to avoid Late Registration Fees.** Standard registration expectations apply.
- There will be two skates prior to first cuts at Main Camp.
- Registration for Spring ID Camps opens March 6, 2025, and runs until 1 week prior to camp.

Why are the spring evaluations being introduced?

Hockey Alberta recognizes that families have various league options for their players, with one key factor being the choice between a guaranteed spring signing or waiting until fall. To provide greater clarity and earlier certainty in the process, while still allowing for fall tryouts, Hockey Alberta and Cochrane Minor Hockey are working to enhance the player selection timeline.

AA Jr Chaos

Information coming soon regarding the AA Jr Chaos Female division. Please stay tuned.

Yes. The Summer Warriors Camp will be the perfect opportunity for you to display your personal growth and development.

If I'm not invited to AAA or AA Main Camp after the Spring ID Camp, may I try again at the Summer Warriors Camp?



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Injuries

Injured players are required to provide documentation to the evaluation committee, including medical documentation of injury, previous team's synopsis & letter from previous coach. An invitation to Main Camp MAY be issued, at the Committee discretion.

Signing

Players at the AAA level may be offered a spot on the team roster after Spring ID Camp. This 'Signing Offer' must be accepted in writing by the specified date in the offer letter. Additionally, a monetary assurance of acceptance is required. As per new Hockey Alberta regulations, signed players' names will be posted on or before August 1st, 2025.

I've seen a Hockey Alberta Announcement that Draw Zones are being taken away and it's a free for all. Is this correct?

The Hockey Alberta announcement was a little confusing in that it primarily affected first time players in an Minor Hockey Association (MHA). If your child has never played in Alberta before, he/she has the option to register with another MHA, outside of the town/city you live in, AS LONG AS YOUR CHILD IS ACCEPTED BY THAT MHA. Specifically for Elite Hockey (AAA and AA), draw zones still exist. Tools such as the Elite Player Movement process or second tryouts may be available if you want to move away from your designated MHA.

Any player from outside the current draw zone boundaries must utilize the Elite Player Movement form prior to attending camp.

Will the actual team Head Coach be running the Spring Camp? Will he/she be making the invitations/offers?

Wherever possible, the actual Head Coach of the 2025-2026 team will be running the camp. This Head Coach will be part of the decision-making team issuing invitations/offers. For parent coached teams, qualified instructors and other AAA/AA coaches may also be utilized to run the Spring Camp. Invitations will be issued by an independent oversight committee, which may include previous coaches and/or expected coaches input. In all cases, the offers/invitations issued after Spring Camp will be honoured by whomever takes the Head Coach role in the fall.

If I'm not invited to AAA Main Camp, may I still apply for a second try-out somewhere else?

Yes, normal exception processes will be allowed for both spring and fall releases. Elite Player Movement and Second Tryouts will still be allowed. The team you are applying to will still have to accept you.



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Important Dates

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| U11 AA | May 2 - 4, 2025 |
| U13 AA/AAA | April 4 - 6, 2025 |
| U13 AA Jr Chaos | April 4 - 6, 2025 |
| U15 AA | May 16 - 18, 2025 |
| U16 AA | May 2 - 4, 2025 |
| U18 AA | May 2 - 4, 2025 |
| U15 AAA | TBD |

Spring ID Camp
\$150.00

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| U11 AA | Sept 3 - 6, 2025 |
| U13 AA/AAA | Aug 15 - 17, 2025 |
| U13 AA Jr Chaos | Sept 5 - 7, 2025 |
| U15 AA | Sept 2 - 4, 2025 |
| U16 AA | Sept 8 - 11, 2025 |
| U18 AA | Sept 8 - 11, 2025 |
| U15 AAA | TBD |

**Summer Warriors
Camp**
\$250.00

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| U11 AA | Sept 9 - 13, 2025 |
| U13 AA | Aug 29 - Sept 3, 2025 |
| U13 AAA | Aug 18 - 25, 2025 |
| U13 AA Jr Chaos | Sept 8 - 16, 2025 |
| U15 AA | Sept 5 - 10, 2025 |
| U16 AA | Sept 20 - 28, 2025 |
| U18 AA | Sept 13 - 17, 2025 |
| U15 AAA | TBD |

Main Camp
INVITE ONLY
\$250.00

Is my player still able to try out for the Prospects Cup, the Alberta Cup or the Alberta Challenge?

We have worked diligently to create the Spring ID Camp and evaluation schedule with these opportunities in mind. No conflicts with these Hockey Alberta initiatives currently exist.