



Given the changes with Hockey Alberta (HA) removing borders for Minor Hockey Associations, Cremona Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) needs to adjust our Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. As Hockey Alberta (HA) and the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) have not yet amended their governance documentation (e.g., regulations), CMHA will plan to amend their bylaws and regulations (as needed) in the 2025/2026 season, once the changes with HA and CAHL are better laid out.

In the interim, CMHA has prepared this document to provide answers to ‘frequently asked questions.’ **This document may be updated to provide answers to other questions received.**

The goal and focus for CMHA is to ensure we can sustainably

- Make small town hockey available to those in our community, as well as others looking to join our association!
- Offer great value to our members, through competitive fees, smaller team sizes, focus on player development and quality coaches, and great ice times!
- Work to establish teams at the most competitive level we can support, while also recognizing the importance of being the association for our local kids.
- Work with other neighboring associations to provide pathways for players looking to advance beyond what we can offer as CMHA.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**

**FAQ #1:** Will CMHA provide releases to players requesting one?

**Answer:** Unless a member has outstanding financial obligations, yes. Upon confirmation that the member has a receiving association and submission of the player movement form to the President. CMHA will provide the release. At this point, the player will then be ‘owned’ by the receiving association.

Members with outstanding financial obligations (e.g., outstanding fees from the prior season) will not be provided with a release until the outstanding balance is paid in full.

For clarity, a release is not required to try out for an elite level (AA or higher) HA sanctioned team; however, a spot will only be reserved if the player is registered with CMHA and the registration deposit paid.



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**FAQ #2:** As a returning player, am I guaranteed a spot with CMHA?

**Answer:** Provided the returning player signs up during early bird registration (May 1 to June 15), they will be guaranteed a spot, unless there are more returning players than spots on a team, at which time evaluations would be conducted.

Refer to FAQ #3 for maximum team size, and FAQ #5 for details on the evaluation process. Returning players will take priority over new players. Returning players who do not sign up during early bird registration will not be guaranteed a spot.

**FAQ #3:** What is the maximum team size per division?

**Answer:** The maximum team size per division (age group) is as follows:

- U7 – 11 players,
- U9 – 11 players,
- U11 – 16 players (15 skaters + goalie), and
- U13 through U18 – 15 skaters + 2 designated goalies.

While the team sizes stated above are smaller than what would be allowed by Hockey Alberta, CMHA views capping team size to be important to ensure players get enough ice time during games. The CMHA board may permit exceptions to the team sizes, with the goal of providing a spot for all or as many returning players as possible.

CMHA will not designate goalies for U7-U11. While there may be a preferred or normal goalie(s) emerge, we see value in all players playing out and giving all players looking to try out as goalie a chance to do so. Players looking to play as goalie should not expect equal playing time as goalie and will always be allowed to play out if not playing as a goalie. Goalie equipment is available for these divisions, if needed.

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**FAQ #4:** What are the registration windows and fees?

**Answer:** Registration windows and fees will be as follows:

- Early bird registration will open May 1<sup>st</sup> and close on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will provide a \$100 discount to regular season fees, with the exception to goalies, who receive a 50% discount from regular season fees for the respective division irrespective of registration timing.
- Regular registration will run from June 16<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Late registration, if spots remain available will run from August 16<sup>th</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>. No late registration penalty will be given to U7 players, recognizing they may not sign up until after the start of the school year.

Link for registration: <https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=dd1cc81e>

Fees by division are as follows:

Division	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	U18
<b>Deposit</b>	\$100	\$100	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
<b>Early Bird Registration</b>	\$450	\$790	\$940	\$990	\$1040	\$1075
<b>Regular Registration</b>	\$550	\$890	\$1040	\$1090	\$1140	\$1175
<b>Late Registration</b>	\$550	\$990	\$1140	\$1190	\$1240	\$1275
<b>Designated Goalies</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$545	\$570	\$587.50

Registration will only be deemed to be valid and held upon receipt of the deposit.

The remaining balance owing after payment of the deposit will be due as follows:

- 50% due on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 50% due on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

While CMHA registration fees are not negotiable or subsidized, the following programs are available to qualifying families, where the cost is a barrier to your child playing hockey:

- **Jumpstart**
- **KidSport**

If you are unable to meet the payment schedules laid out, please bring requests for alternative fee schedules for consideration to the President ([chaddbellamy@gmail.com](mailto:chaddbellamy@gmail.com)) and Treasurer ([cremonatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cremonatreasurer@gmail.com)).

Players with outstanding fees, and who have not made prior arrangements with the CMHA President and Treasurer, will not be allowed to attend practices or games.

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**FAQ #5:** What happens if more players register than the stated limits for the respective division?

**Answer:** The CMHA executive will assess by the end of June (after the closure of early bird registration), based on the number of registrants and ice available, if and how many teams will be set per division, and will decide if registration will remain open, and for how many players.

If registration numbers are higher than the maximum team size, or if there are two teams for the division, evaluations will be held to determine placement on the team. Prior to the 2025/2026 season, CMHA will establish and publish an evaluation procedure. Consideration may also be given to 'over-aging' or 'under-aging' returning players to help manage team sizes.

As stated in FAQ 2, returning CMHA players who sign up during early bird registration will be guaranteed a spot with CMHA, provided there are enough spots for the respective divisions.

If spots remain for a division, priority will be given as follows (for spots remaining for registration):

1. Players joining CMHA who sign up during early bird and whose families are already a part of CMHA.
2. Based on registration date / time for other 'accepted players' (refer to FAQ #6) or returning players / families who sign up after closure of early bird registration.

If CMHA decides to accept more registrants than there will be spots available, and the result of the evaluations will be not making a team in the division the player has registered for, players subject to evaluation will be given the option of requesting a release and refund in full, provided that decision and request is made in advance of the start of the season.

**FAQ #6:** Will 'new to CMHA registrants' be accepted upon completion of registration in RAMP and payment of the registration deposit?

**Answer:** Players new to CMHA who register are subject to acceptance by CMHA, which may be based on (but not limited to):

- A conversation with the player and parents to confirm CMHA would be a fit,
- A review of the prior seasons' stats (e.g., penalties, suspensions), or
- An assessment session (skating) may be scheduled (as early as possible).



**FAQ #7:** Will refunds be provided?

**Answer:** Refunds will be provided in the following case:

- In the event we cannot hold a team for a division, or for players who try out for and make an elite Hockey Alberta team (AA or higher), a full refund of the deposit and any other fees paid will be provided.
- Requests for a refund will be considered by the CMHA board on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances (e.g., family circumstance or injury).
- No refund will be given if a player elects to register and play on a different team (e.g., minor hockey or other hockey association or league).