



Cremona Minor Hockey Association – 2026/27 Season FAQs

Given the changes with Hockey Alberta (HA) removing borders for Minor Hockey Associations last season, Cremona Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) will be amending their bylaws and other governance documentation (e.g., regulations, policies, etc.) prior to the 2026/27 season.

In the interim, CMHA has updated this FAQ document for the 2026/27 season, 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 member player signs up during early bird registration (May 1 to June 15), we have enough for a team in the division, they will be guaranteed a spot *(See note 1)*.

For clarity, member players will be considered players who registered in the 2025/2026 season that are owned by CMHA (as in we have accepted a permanent release with CMHA being their owner association by Hockey Alberta or who reside within the historic CMHA Boundary).

Returning member players who do not sign up during early bird registration will not be guaranteed a spot.

Note 1 – If there are more returning players than the maximum permissible team size, efforts will be made to accommodate players by over-aging or under-aging. 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.

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

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

- U7 and U9: 11 players,
- U11: 16 players (15 skaters + goalie), and
- U13 through U18: 17 players (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 1st and close on June 15th and will provide a discount to regular season fees as follows:
 - U7-U9 Players - \$100,
 - U11-U18 Players - \$300, and
 - Designated Goalies (U13-U18) – 50% of early bird player registration fees.
- Regular registration will run from June 16th to August 15th:
 - Designated Goalies (U13-U18) – 50% of regular player registration fees.
- Late registration, if spots remain available will run from August 16th until September 30th. Any remaining spots for designated goalies will remain open as regular registration until the close of late registration.

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

Fees by division are as follows:

Division	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	U18
Deposit	\$100	\$100	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Early Bird Registration						
Players	\$450	\$790	\$940	\$990	\$1040	\$1075
Designated Goalies	N/A			\$495	\$520	\$537.50
Regular Registration						
Players	\$550	\$890	\$1240	\$1290	\$1340	\$1375
Designated Goalies	N/A			\$645	\$670	\$687.50
Late Registration						
Players	\$650	\$990	\$1340	\$1390	\$1440	\$1475

Registration will only be deemed valid and held upon receipt of the deposit, and if applicable, the process to secure transfer has been.

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

- 50% due on September 1st and 50% due on December 1st.

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](#)



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

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

Answer: The CMHA executive will assess numbers after the close of early bird registration and decide if and how many teams will be set per division, and whether 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 2026/27 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.

If spots remain for a division after accommodating returning member-players who registered during early bird, 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. Players who sign up during early bird and who reside within the historic CMHA Boundaries. This must be their primary residence (proof of residence location, such as utility bills, may be requested).
3. Other players signing up from outside of the historic CMHA boundary.
4. 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.



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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 (coed or female AA or AAA), a full refund of the deposit and any other fees paid will be provided.
- Female players who register with CMHA (to reserve a spot) but decide to try out for and make a Hockey Alberta non-elite female hockey team will receive a full refund, only if their spot can be filled with another player. If no other player can fill the spot, the refund will be assessed as outlined below).
- In the event more players register to fill a spot but is not guaranteed (e.g. tryouts for remaining spots), and they are cut from the team, refunds will be provided except for the following hold-back (which would cover the costs for insurance and participation in practices, conditioning & hitting clinics and evaluations):
 - U13 and Lower: \$200, and
 - U15 – U18: \$250.
- In the event a player registers with CMHA to hold their spot, but elects to try out for and chooses to play with another non-elite Hockey Alberta team, refunds will be assessed as follows:
 - If the player is withdrawn before July 15th, only half the deposit will be withheld,
 - If the player is withdrawn before September 1st, only the deposit will be withheld,
 - If the player is withdrawn on or before September 30th, \$500 will be withheld, and
 - After September 30th, no refund will be issued.
- Except for the above refund scenarios, refunds will not be provided. Refunds will only be considered by the CMHA board on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances (e.g., family circumstance or injury).



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FAQ #8: When will hockey start

Answer: CMHA is expecting the ice to be ready to go in Cremona by September 14th. Provided ice is ready, the couple of weeks is planned as follows:

- Week of September 14-17: 2 Practices
- Weekend of September 18-20: Conditioning Clinics
 - U9 – 2 x 1-hour sessions
 - U11-U18 – 2 x 1.5-hour sessions
- Week of September 21-24: Hitting Clinic (U13 +), evaluation prep and/or practices
- Weekend of September 25-27: Evaluations for teams needing evals

The goal will be to have team rosters finalized on or before September 30th. Once rosters are finalized, and team staff (managers, coaches) are selected, practice times will be finalized and communicated.

FAQ #9: How will coaches and managers be selected?

Answer: As part of player registration, parents or guardians will have the ability to express interest in being a coach or manager. The CMHA board may also invite non-parent volunteers to apply for head or assistant coach positions.

Prior to the start of the 2026/27 season, the CMHA board will publish a coach selection procedure.

Following evaluations (if applicable), the head coach and manager will be selected. The head coach will select up to 4 assistant coaches.

In the event of more than one person expressing interest to be a team manager for the respective team, the board will meet to discuss the assignment with the interested individuals. Efforts will be made to avoid the coach and manager being from the same family. If the only options are the head coach and manager being from the same family, the CMHA board would look for another parent to co-manage the team.

FAQ #10: What are the ‘Historic CMHA Boundaries’?

Answer: Refer to the boundary map in the [CMHA Bylaws](#) Section 4.1 (page 6).