



Centralized A Tryouts Team Formation Policy

As passed by all local associations, centralized “A” tryouts will take place for the 2023-2024 season at the U12 A, 14 A, U16 A & U19 A level. The aim of the centralized “A” tryouts is to provide consistency amongst all the players being evaluated and to allow players who are released from their own association the opportunity to be drafted by another association.

- 1) Tryouts will be hosted by the Centralized A Tryout Committee (CATC). A variety of venues within the Local Association’s (LA’s) catchment areas will be used to host tryouts for all age groups.
- 2) Amalgamation of associations will be pre-determined prior to A tryouts and will be communicated to registrants. The process of amalgamation will follow Ringette Manitoba’s policy, with the nearest associations amalgamating first. The association hosting is decided based on many factors including player numbers and caliber, coaching staff availability, ice availability, goalie availability and the impact on other players at the local associations.
- 3) Any player wishing to be picked up by another association must declare their intent on registration. Yes/No needs to be indicated, Maybe will not be accepted. Players can choose specific associations willing to be picked up from. This must be indicated at registration. Registration information is not shared prior to coaches. Checking the box, indicating willing to go in draft will not be known to coaches until draft process. Withdrawal after being placed on a team is strongly discouraged; this has a negative impact on the team and denies another player the opportunity.
- 4) Age advancement:
 - a) Host association forming a team exclusively from their own players. Host local association policy to be followed.
 - b) Amalgamated team. NO age advancement allowed unless by prior agreement between the amalgamated LA’s
 - c) Age advanced players are NOT eligible to enter the draft process





- 5) If a player is unable to attend tryouts (partly / wholly) they will be excused for the following reasons only:
- a) family emergency
 - b) school sanctioned event
 - c) sickness or injury, accompanied by a doctor’s note
 - d) religious beliefs

Players must present a letter, stating why they were unable to attend, to the tryout committee as soon as they are aware of an absence.

Missed session WITH a valid reason: The player will be given a score for that missed session generated as an average from their other sessions.

Missed session WITHOUT a valid reason: The player will be given a score as above, less a 25% penalty.

Previous season scores/ranking/coach feedback may be used to aid coaches in their selection.

- 6) The Tryout committee will organize and employ all evaluators. Standardized Evaluation forms will be used, and a rubric will be communicated to players prior to tryouts. Any conflicts of interest are to be declared prior to tryouts. Evaluators are not permitted to evaluate at the age group they are at/or would be at.
- 7) Following evaluations, players (non-goalies) will be ranked.

Band A will be formed from the top 75% of players trying out.

Band B will consist of players ranked in the bottom 25% of players trying out

Only players ranked in Band A are eligible for team selection. If a coach / host association would like to choose a player from below the 75% line, the request must be submitted to the committee using the “CAT Band B Player Request Form”.





For this request to be considered, the CAT Band B Player Request Form must be completed including justification and the signatures of the Team Head Coach, Host LA's age group convener and the host LA's President.

The purpose of this form is to ensure that players are chosen according to skill and not from bias.

Band B players can only be picked in a draft if all Band A players have been chosen.

- 8) The association hosting an A team will select the coaches for that team. If a coach is selected and their child ranks in Band B, they cannot select their child until all other eligible players in Band A are picked or released. Association needs to sign off on a coach taking a child ranked below other Band B players in association. (Evidence needs to support Coaches child belongs on A team).
- 9) Evaluation scores will be tabulated and kept secure. Only the Head Coach and Local Association Representative can ask to see scores. The head coach can view scores twice only. Discretion is up to the Head Coach when want to view. Scores will be available half an hour after the session. Scores available during tryouts only. These rankings are anonymous and confidential. They may not be copied or shared with any parties not directly involved in the team formation process. No pictures allowed.
- 10) The organizations involved in the team formation process are those associations that will be hosting an A team (and their amalgamation partners) at any of the levels at U12 A, U14 A, U16 A or U19 A. The host LA team formation policy will be used. In the event of any conflict between this (the Central A Tryout Team Formation) policy and the LA's policy, this policy will take precedence.
- 11) The Team selection meeting will be held within 5 days of completion of all age group tryouts. Meeting time/date will be set with those involved and communicated. All LA's with players who took part in tryouts are to be represented at this meeting





12) Associations must declare their initial protected players (Draft Round 1) no later than 48 hours prior to the Team Formation meeting. Host association & association amalgamated with host must sign off on protected players prior to draft. Failure to do so will result in that association forfeiting their first round in the draft pick. Finalized rosters after draft must be approved again by host association & amalgamated associations part of the host association following the draft. If associations cannot agree on an approved roster, final decision will be made by CAT Committee.

13) Chair of age group/tryouts to review list of released players and distribute this to head coaches no later than 24 hours prior to the team formation meeting.

14) Team size for all "A" teams is typically set at fourteen (14) with thirteen (13) skaters and one (1) goalie. A different team roster size may be chosen at the discretion of the host association and their amalgamation partners.

15) Draft Process:

Round 1: Each association/team hosting to submit a provisional roster of protected players from those eligible to them (i.e. Band A players belonging to the host / amalgamated LA's).

Coaches may submit a smaller roster with the intent of picking up players in round 2. The provisional roster will provide the foundation to begin the draft

Round 2: Draft pick – if an association did not protect a full roster in round 1, they may complete their roster from those released/available. Draft will start with the association/host team that has the lowest ranked player from Band A on their team and proceed in ascending order.

The draft list will be released 24 hours prior to draft meeting. Once the draft is completed, coaches can go back to original home association players to add to roster if needed.

Policy point 12 must be met.

16) Goalies: Goalies will be evaluated and ranked using a standardized evaluation form. Host LA's may roster one (1) goalie in Round 1 of the Draft Process. Host association may only pick up another association goalie in Round 1 if the host associations goalie is in Band B (Bottom 25 %). A second (2) goalie may be rostered to their host team, only when all A-teams have a rostered goalie and the needs of all Local Associations' other teams have been considered. Host associations can protect second goalie from own association/amalgamated association first.





- 17) Players not selected to play on an "A" Team will go back to their home association for team placement.
- 18) All Teams will be announced at the same time, via email, by the centralized A Tryout committee
- 19) No scores or rankings will be shared with players/parents after tryouts. Comments can be requested only 48 hours after teams have been announced and will only be open until a week after teams have been announced. Any requests before this or after this period will not be considered. There will be no in-person or virtual meetings to discuss comments or scores with families.
- 20) No refunds will be given.
- 21) Volunteers are required from associations to help at tryouts. A volunteer sign up will be sent out prior to tryouts. Association volunteer commitment will be based on a percentage of players trying out. No parents are allowed on the same bench their child is on. All parents and coaches need to avoid conflicts. No videotaping during tryouts allowed.
- 22) Centralized A tryout Committee is made up of a minimum of 1 rep from each association.
- 23) Players may be asked to move into another position during a tryout. This will occur if there is a shortage or abundance of players in a specific position in a squad. Players asked to be moved from the initial tryout position will not be penalized in score or evaluated in that position. This will not impact on the score. The player is to only do a few shifts in another position.





24) Communication of rubrics, evaluation percentages, policy and tryout information ie squads & schedule will be sent out to all registered participants and local association presidents prior to tryouts.

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