

## MALE MIDGET AAA – Frequently Asked Questions & Information (2019-20)

### Player draft and releases

- ✓ Specifics on the player draft that will form a part of the Open Tryout are being finalized and will be communicated appropriately along with nuances related to additional tryouts as provided for in the Hockey Alberta Male ADM.

### Return from Juniors

- ✓ Players returning to Major Midget AAA on one of the three Hockey Edmonton teams will be assigned to a team based on the agreed upon draft format set in place by the EHMC Committee.

### Second & Third Tryouts

- ✓ Additional tryouts, for both Resident and Import players, as provided for in the Hockey Alberta Male ADM will be provided and administered as per 2019-20 regulations and processes. Changes for the 2019-2020 tryout season allow only players who are drafted and registered on one of the three Hockey Edmonton team's 40-man tryout rosters to participate in second and third tryouts.

### 15-Year-Old Participation in Major Midget AAA

- ✓ Players are encouraged to have a thorough understanding of the Hockey Alberta Male ADM and the opportunities provided to 15-year-old athletes as they vary from those who are 16 or 17.
- ✓ 15-year-old athletes need to be aware that their three Midget AAA tryouts they are afforded under the Hockey Alberta ADM program are inclusive of both Midget AAA and Minor Midget AAA tryouts attended. For example, a 15-year-old player trying out for one of the three Midget AAA Hockey Edmonton teams who gets released would have used one of their three tryouts. Once returned to their home club for Minor Midget AAA tryouts, they would only have two remaining tryouts available to them to roster in an ADM/AAA program.

### Affiliation

- ✓ Hockey Alberta Regulations govern player affiliation.
  - Edmonton teams, currently, have the ability to affiliate players residing in Edmonton. The three (3) Major Midget AAA teams will continue to affiliate Edmonton residents that are best suited for Major Midget AAA hockey, regardless of past club, district or operating area affiliation.
  - For example, regardless of Club team that a Midget AA or Minor Midget AAA player is rostered on, they can affiliate to any one of the three Major Midget AAA Edmonton Teams.

### Program

- [Hockey Edmonton Male Midget AAA Program Information](#)

## Costs

The Cost of the Program is capped at **\$7,500 per person**. Additional team fees may be required for additional tournament play based on team decisions (Mac's Tournament Participation).

Fee breakdown is as follows:

- October 16, 2019: \$3,750
- November 16, 2019: \$1,875
- December 16, 2019: \$1,875

## Frequently asked questions:

- 1. What happens if player gets cut close to final roster? Where does he go for another tryout?**
  - a. Players will continue to have the ability to access second and third tryout opportunities within the Hockey Alberta ADM model based on team need. To access a second and third tryout, the player must be rostered on a Midget AAA Tryout roster. The Midget AAA League Governor will direct all second and third tryouts.
- 2. Where would a Hockey Edmonton Club Team 15AAA and Midget AA player be affiliated to? How are the Affiliations going to work for Edmonton Zone players?**
  - a. Affiliates for the three Midget AAA teams can come from any Midget AA or Minor Midget AAA Edmonton Club Team
- 3. What happens if a player doesn't partake in the Development Camp in May 2019? Will they still get a chance to skate in Tryouts?**
  - a. The Hockey Edmonton **Spring Development Camp** sessions are optional.
  - b. A player's attendance at the May Development sessions will have no determining factor in their selection to one of the three Hockey Edmonton Midget AAA teams during the Fall tryouts.
- 4. How will players attending WHL and AJHL camps be treated during the tryout process?**
  - a. Hockey Edmonton and the three Midget AAA Coaches will be aware of all eligible players participating in WHL and AJHL Junior camps.
  - b. We will continue to follow the Hockey Alberta model for player returns from the WHL and AJHL.
  - c. A draft process for the three teams will be initiated for all returning players.
- 5. When I sign up for the Midget AAA Tryout I pay the \$250 tryout fee, if I am released do I have to pay another tryout fee when I return to my Club for Midget AA or Minor Midget AAA?**
  - a. For Hockey Edmonton resident player's, they will pay ONE tryout fee. No additional tryout fees will be charged by the Hockey Edmonton Clubs for released players trying out for Minor Midget AAA, Midget AA or REM 15 AA.

- 6. Will there be a separate Goalie Skills evaluation for goaltenders trying out for Midget AAA?**
  - a. Yes, each goalie trying out for Major Midget AAA will receive a goalie session, a small area games session and two regular game sessions.
  
- 7. When will I be advised of my ice times for the Midget AAA Tryouts?**
  - a. The Ice times for registered players will be published by Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  
- 8. How many skates will I receive until the first players are released from Midget AAA Tryouts?**
  - a. Each player will receive one small area games session and two regular game sessions, and each goalie will receive a goalie evaluation, small area games and two regular game sessions prior to the first round of releases.
  
- 9. If released what will I receive from Hockey Edmonton, do I need a release form before reporting to Midget AA or Minor Midget AAA?**
  - a. If you are released from Major Midget AAA, you need to contact your home Midget AA or Minor Midget AAA for tryout information, you do not need a release form for this. If not added to the 40-man tryout roster, you are not eligible for any second tryout at Major Midget AAA.
  
- 10. If I am a 15-year-old (First year Midget) how many tryouts do I receive at the AAA level? Does the Midget AAA tryout count as one of my three AAA tryouts?**
  - a. Under the Hockey Alberta ADM Model, all players are provided with the opportunity for three AAA Tryouts at the Major AAA or Minor Midget AAA level. A 15-year-old electing to try out for Major AAA, would use their first AAA tryout at Major AAA. If released from the Major AAA program they would report to their home club for Minor Midget AAA tryouts and would have two remaining. If they are released from their home club Minor Midget AAA program, they would have one remaining Minor Midget AAA tryout if there is Club need and availability.
  
- 11. Will there be any player skills sessions during the initial tryout phase or only games?**
  - a. Each player will participate in one small area games sessions and two regular games during the initial tryout phase.
  
- 12. If I am attending a WHL or AJHL camp do I still need to register with Hockey Edmonton for Midget AAA Tryouts?**
  - a. Yes, we recommend that you register for the Major AAA tryout if there is any chance you may play Midget AAA during the 2019-2020 season. This allows the EHMC registrar to be aware of your intentions in case you are not successful in making your junior team.

- 13. I am an import player and was rostered on a Midget AAA tryout roster prior to being released, when I access a second or third tryout for one of the three Hockey Edmonton Midget AAA teams, do I have to pay a tryout fee?**
- Yes, all import players who are accessing the Hockey Edmonton Major Midget AAA tryouts on a second or third tryout are required to pay a onetime fee of \$100.00 to cover ice and administrative costs.
- 14. I am a female athlete, am I permitted to try out for the Hockey Edmonton Midget AAA Program?**
- Although we would recommend that you access the Hockey Alberta Female ADM programs available to support female Hockey in Alberta, Female athletes are permitted to try out for the Midget AAA program.
- 15. What are the timelines for the tryout process: Start, Cuts, Team Formation?**
- All timelines and information are detailed on the updated Tryout information page located at the end of this document or on the [Male Midget AAA Program page](#).
- 16. If I am drafted to one of the three teams and subsequently released, do I have the opportunity to be picked up by one of the other teams? Does this count as a second tryout of my three for second- and third-year Midget Players?**
- Yes, players who are released from one of the three Hockey Edmonton Major Midget AAA teams will have the opportunity to be picked up by either of the two remaining teams and this will count as using their second tryout.
  - If the player is not picked up by either of the two remaining Major AAA teams, they may contact the League Governor and request a third tryout with a Major AAA team in need outside the City of Edmonton Boundaries.
- 17. I will be attending a WHL or AJHL camp, who should I keep in touch with at Hockey Edmonton so I can keep them up to date on my Junior Camp process?**
- We will have a process in place where the Director of Elite Hockey and the EHMC Registrar are tracking all Edmonton resident players who are attending WHL and AJHL tryouts and have registered for the Major Midget AAA program.
- 18. What if I am away on the weekend that tryouts begin? Is there any consideration and may I start tryouts when I return?**
- Other than players attending WHL and AJHL camps during the tryout process, no other absences will be permitted.
- 19. Who is evaluating the goalies? Are there specific evaluators to assist the coaches in selecting the six goalies?**
- There will be specific goaltending instructors assisting with the Goalie Skills session and to act as resources for the coaches.

- 20. Who will be evaluating the players? Will it just be the three coaches and their staff, or will Hockey Edmonton also have professional evaluators on hand to assist the coaches?**
- Players will be evaluated by staff of the three teams and may be supplemented by independent evaluators.
- 21. How will the drafting of the teams be completed?**
- Draft will be completed on a rotation basis and overseen by the EHMC to ensure fairness of selections and teams.
- 22. Will there be Hockey Edmonton oversight of the draft to ensure the top 60 players are selected regardless of previous Club experience?**
- Yes, the EHMC will oversee the draft process to ensure it follows the process and procedures put in place by the EHMC.
- 23. Is there a minimum number of players from each of the four clubs that need to be selected into the Midget AAA Program?**
- No, the Hockey Edmonton decision to move to an open city draft is to ensure we have the best 60 players playing on the Major Midget AAA teams regardless of residential address.
- 24. Is there a maximum number of import players that will be selected into the Midget AAA Program?**
- No, there is not a maximum number of import players permitted, however, only players who have been placed on a Major Midget AAA tryout roster are permitted to access a second or third tryout at the Major Midget AAA level.
- 25. What involvement do the four clubs have in the process or is this a Hockey Edmonton run program?**
- The Hockey Edmonton Elite Hockey Management Committee has approved the program which will be administered by the three operating Clubs for the 2019-2020 season.
- 26. I played Midget Tier 5 last season but improved over the summer, am I still able to try out for the Midget AAA program?**
- The Hockey Edmonton Major Midget AAA Tryout is an open tryout available to all Midget age players residing in the City of Edmonton.
- 27. What should I bring to the tryout sessions? Jersey's, socks, etc.?**
- Tryout jerseys will be provided to all athletes and returned at the end of each session. Players and Goalies will need to provide all other equipment.
- 28. Will a trainer be available if my son or daughter requires any care?**
- Yes, training staff will be on hand for any player injuries that may occur during all tryout games, practices and skills sessions.

- 29. Will the players be supervised at all times during their ice sessions?**
- There will always be on and off ice supervision during the tryout process.
- 30. What is the format for the evaluation games?**
- Games will be one-hour time slots and officiated.
- 31. How will the goalies be handled during the tryout games? Full Period, Half Game, Full Game?**
- Goalies will receive equal playing time during the game sessions, the goalie to player ratio will determine the amount of playing time a goalie receives during the evaluation games. An additional skills session is provided for all goalies to ensure they receive a fair evaluation score.
- 32. How will the players receive ice time during the tryout games, will it be equal shifts and will kids rotate so that they do not play with the same kids for all games?**
- Players will receive equal ice time during game play and players will be rotated through the line up based on position registration to ensure a fair evaluation process. Players are also provided a small area games session to further evaluate their skills and abilities.
- 33. How are you going to form the tryout teams to ensure they are evenly balanced?**
- Players previous playing history as well as age will be taken into consideration when forming the tryout teams to ensure they are as evenly balanced as possible.
- 34. Who will be running the benches during the evaluation games?**
- Members of the three Coaching Staff's will be running the benches during the evaluation games.
- 35. Will there be certified officials on the ice for all evaluation games?**
- Yes, certified Hockey Alberta Officials will be present at all evaluation games.

**MALE MIDGET AAA – Tryout Information (2019-20)****First Tryout Round:****When:**

- Saturday, August 31, 2019 (Skills/SAG Sessions & Goaltender Sessions).
- Sunday, September 1, 2019 (Game Sessions).
- Monday, September 2, 2019 (Game Sessions).
  - Numerous ice slots available per day – players will attend one ice slot per day only.
    - **First Tryout Round** rosters and ice schedules will be revealed/distributed on Monday, August 26, 2019.
    - Please arrive 1-hour before ice-time and check-in before each session at the registration table in the lobby (Jerseys will be provided by Hockey Edmonton).

**How:**

- **Players:** 1 Skills/Practice Session, 2 Game Sessions (3 skates).
- **Goalies:** 1 Skills/Practice Session, 1 Goaltender Session, 2 Game Sessions (4 skates).
  - **90-120 players will be selected for Second Tryout Round (see below).**
  - **Second Tryout Round** selections will be posted on Hockey Edmonton website on late evening of Monday, September 2, 2019.

**Where:**

- **CAC Arena** (14645 142 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6V 1H9).

**Second Tryout Round:****When:**

- Wednesday, September 4, 2019 (Game Sessions).
- Thursday, September 5, 2019 (Game Sessions).
- Friday, September 6, 2019 (Game Sessions).
  - 3 ice slots available per day – players will attend one ice slot per day only.
    - **Second Tryout Round** rosters and ice schedules will be posted on Hockey Edmonton website on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
    - Please arrive 1-hour before ice-time and check-in before each session at the registration table in the lobby (Jerseys will be provided by Hockey Edmonton).

**How:**

- **Players will be drafted to three teams on Saturday, September 7, 2019.**
- **Players will be notified by no later than Monday, September 9, 2019.**
  - It is strongly recommended that all Junior tryout players register with the EHMC. In the event the player stays with the Junior team, tryout fee will be reimbursed to player.
  - A separate drafting process will be executed for **Import Players and Players returning from Junior tryouts**. This process will be announced closer to tryout dates.
    - These players will be drafted to teams on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, after Monday, September 9, 2019 (and onward).

**Where:**

- Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>: Meadows East, September 5<sup>th</sup>: Bill Hunter, September 6<sup>th</sup>: Clareview A

### Major Midget AAA Tryout Flowchart

