**Central Alberta Selects – Return to Play Tryout Process**

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CA Selects and Lacombe Minor Hockey Association (LMHA) are in the process of implementing a season plan to align with the Current Hockey Alberta Stage 2 Return to Play model. It’s important to note, that our protocols must meet the current AB Health, Hockey AB and safety requirements of the Government of Alberta, which include facility management guidelines coordinated by the City of Lacombe.

We intend to offer the best version of Hockey that can be delivered within the current restrictions in place due to COVID. We thank everyone for their co-operation and support as we work through these challenges, due to the fluid nature of the situation, changes may be required on short notice as new information is received. Any change to current process or practices and conditions will be added to the website or group email communication as it becomes available.

**CA Selects Evaluation Process**

CA Selects and LMHA evaluation process and procedures are still affect with exception of the following.

The CA Selects evaluation process will be broken into 2 distinct stages and applies to all divisions offered (U13, U15, & U18), they are defined as follows:

**Stage 1 Evaluation (Physical Distance - pre-selection evaluation)**

Players who have registered for CA Selects Hockey (AA) tryouts will participate in a physical distancing arrangement consisting of 3 physical distance Skill Evaluation Sessions. This pertains to all CA Selects divisions offered through Lacombe Minor Hockey. (U13, U15, U18), including the following practices;

* 3 physical distancing skill evaluation sessions (Max 30 people on ice, includes on ice coaches/helpers.
* Focus on skill development & evaluation for the purpose of selecting Cohort group
* In accordance within current guidelines, a minimum level of play will be used to determine eligibility for AA Cohort.
* Post 3 pre-selection evaluation skates shall be **complete by Sept. 27**, players will be invited to join the Cohort divisional group or released for return to their home association. (16F, 9 D, 3 G)

**Stage 2 Evaluation (Cohort – selection group)**

Cohort Guidelines:

* A Cohort is a closed, small group of no more than 50 individuals (including on ice coaches/helpers) who participate in the same sport or activity.
* Dills and inters-quad play is permitted for the purpose evaluation and team selection
* The selection stage shall be **complete by October 18**, with final roster selection at this time. Players not selected to the team shall be released for return to their home association.
* CA Select team roster sizes are defined as:
	+ U13: 17 players in total, consisting of 2G, 6D, 9F
	+ U15: 19 players in total, consisting of 2G, 6D, 11F
	+ U18: 19 players in total, consisting of 2G, 6D, 11F

All Athletes are limited to a maximum of **one Cohort** at any given time, regardless of the number of sports they are involved. If changing from an active cohort, a 14-day break is required prior to joining a new Cohort at your home or alternate association.

Other Items note:

Once team rosters are determined, teams must continue to follow the HA Return to Hockey plan guideline. Additional stages have been established, more information can be attained from your home association or HA website.

* Team Training: Oct. 19 – Nov. 1
* Exhibition Series: Nov. 2 – 18 (League will determine pairs of teams (by region) to pair up for competition purposes.
* League/Team Pod Play: Nov. 19 – Dec. 31

**Tryout Rosters:** In lieu of tryout rosters, teams will be required to register all players in their cohort in HCR as of September 14. Cohort rosters can be no larger than 50 participants which includes coaches and team staff.

**Released player - Elite Waiver (2nd Try-out)**: Upon being released from a player’s first tryout and obtaining an Elite waiver, a player will have no more than three (3) days to contact and arrange a **second tryout** with another host MHA at that level. It is the host MHA’s decision whether to accept the player’s request. Please note again, according to AHS guidelines any player leaving one Cohort cannot participate with a new Cohort for 14 days.

* Players that cannot or choose not to arrange a second tryout within three (3) days of being released will be returned to their Resident MHA in order to obtain permission to tryout for a “AA” program or to access other minor hockey programs.
* Third tryouts will not be permitted.