

# SPRING CAMP REGULATIONS

To: AEHL Members  
From: Elite Male Hockey Committee  
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Alberta Elite Hockey League Members,

With many Elite Draw Zone Associations planning to offer some form of Spring Camp, a few questions have been raised around what is and is not permitted as it relates to logistics and player selections.

## LOGISTICS:

The Elite Male Committee does not have any set guidelines on Spring Camp format as it relates to camp duration, registration cost, number of ice times, number of off ice sessions, or dates the camp can be hosted. The Elite Committee does, however, encourage teams to not host camps after June 1 in order to allow athletes to pursue other sports and allow their body to take a break from the rigors of hockey.

## PLAYER SELECTIONS:

As outlined in the Elite Male Hockey Model, AAA Tryouts may begin as of August 15. Thus, associations may not release any player during or immediately following Spring Camps. Spring Camps are to be identification camps, where all players who participate must be permitted to return to tryout for the team again on or after August 15 of the upcoming hockey season, during the official tryout period. The purpose of this regulation is to align with the principles of the Elite Male Hockey Model, which states; 'At all times, everyone will act in the best interest of the athlete and work to provide them with the ability to play at the highest level they can attain,' by allowing all players to return to tryout after August 15, each player will have the opportunity to further develop over the summer knowing they still have the ability to be selected for the highest level of hockey.

While no player may be released following Spring Camps, each AAA Association will now have the ability to commit to a maximum of six (6) Spring Camp participants and offer them a position on next year's team. The signing of players would only apply to U15AAA and U18AAA. The Elite Committee will not stipulate positional maximums, offering choice to the association and coaching staff. Teams not operating Spring Camps will be permitted to still sign a maximum of 6 players for the 2023-24 season but as of the 2024-25 season, any team wishing to commit to players must operate a Spring Camp to do so. AAA teams must forward the list of committed players to the team's respective AEHL Governor by June 20, 2023. Once a player has earned commitment from the AAA team, the AAA team may not revoke that commitment without written approval from the Elite Male Committee. Players who earn commitment may voluntarily decommit at any time.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Elite Male Committee.



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