

Section 8 – Injured and Replacement Athletes

The coaches and/or the Selection Committee may apply to the YKMHA Board to remove any athlete from any stage of the team selection process. Reasons for removal can include: becoming no longer eligible for participation (under Section 3), injury, illness, or misconduct. Reasons for removal will be communicated by written letter to the athlete from YKMHA.

The Selection Committee shall designate alternate athletes for each team. Alternate athletes may be selected to the team by the coaches.

If the alternates have not kept up their physical fitness or are unavailable or uninterested, the coaches may approach other athletes who attended the selection camp to be named as alternates. Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place so that they are prepared if called upon and have maintained all other applicable eligibility criteria

***In the event that on the dates arranged by YKMHA for Development Team Tryouts, a player that has registered to try out for a Development Team is unable to participate due to an injury or recovering from an injury, the following process will be followed:

- YKMHA must be given written or emailed notice of the player's injury and a medical note indicating that the player will not be ready to be evaluated on the set dates prior to the Development Team registration deadline.
- YKMHA will give the injured player a maximum of 30 days, from the last date of the evaluated tryout, to fully recover from his/her injury, at which time a medical clearance note must be presented to YKMHA indicating that the injured player is fit and able to return to full hockey play without any restrictions.
- Once clearance has been given for the player to return to play, the Director of Development teams and the Development Teams coach will set a date, during the team's regular scheduled ice time, for the returning injured layer to be evaluated. Evaluation must occur within 7 days of clearance notice.
- Should a Development Team Selection process be subject to an injured player evaluation process, the final roster spot for this Development Team will be designated as an affiliated position. The returning injured layer will be rostered as an affiliated player until he/she is cleared for play, within the 30 days, to be evaluated against any other affiliated players that may be eligible for the final permanent roster position.
- Should the injured player have a past history of playing primarily on Development Teams, YKMHA and the Development Teams coach, have the authority to grant this player, by vote of the executive and submission from the Development Team coach, the last remaining roster spot on the Development team the player is registered and of age to tryout for.

Where inconsistencies exist, this document supersedes the YKMHA Program Policy.