



# MTK HOCKEY CLUB

## COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUT AND SELECTION POLICY

For levels where MTK Hockey Club will field a competitive B team in the OBMHL, try-outs will be held to select the competitive team.

### Pre-Tryout Conditioning

- When ice availability and timing allow – For U10-U15, Hockey Canada Pathways will be followed. A minimum of 1 hour of pre-tryout conditioning will be available for U16-U18.
- All players attending pre-tryout conditioning must be registered with their respective home association and must complete the online Registration for MTK.
- There is no cost for these sessions.

### Tryout Cost

- TBC yearly - for players that have completed the online pre-registration.
- TBC yearly – for players that walk-up the first day of tryouts without completing the online preregistration.
- Payments are due before the first tryouts session. Please log into your HCR Account to make your payment.

\*\*\* Refunds for tryout fees will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### Tryout Registration

- All players must be registered with their respective home association (APMHA or CPMHA) prior to attending a tryout.
- Pre-registration for tryouts through the MTK website is strongly encouraged.
- Payment will be due before the first tryout session.
- It is recommended that players arrive approximately 45 minutes before the first session to allow time for registration. Registration desk opens 1 hour prior to ice time.

### Jerseys

- Tryout jerseys will be provided at the first session and must not be altered or switched unless done so by an MTK executive member.
- The tryout cost includes a jersey for the player to keep.
- All other equipment is the responsibility of the individual player.

### Dressing Rooms

- For U10 and U11, parents/guardians are welcome to help their player tie their skates, and then we ask they leave the dressing room.

- MTK will provide dressing room monitors with appropriate certification.

### Hydration

- Players should provide their own water bottle for all tryout sessions.
- Please make sure the water bottle is well labelled.

### MTK Fees

As per district registration policies, fees will be due in full to MTK.

No fees will be transferred from home associations.

All players trying out for an MTK team must register with their home association and pay the \$25 registration fee to the home association prior to attending tryouts.

Level	Fee
U10 – U13	TBD Yearly
U14 – U18	TBD Yearly

### Schedule of Fees:

1. 1 Full payment through HCR upon final team selection – a link will be emailed.
2. 2 equal payments through HCR – at time of team selection and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. All conditions must be met before players will be allowed to attend practices or team functions.

- Please refer to the refund policy for details regarding refunds.
- If you require alternative arrangements for fee's, please contact the MTK Director of Finance at [mtktreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mtktreasurer@gmail.com)

### MTK Player Evaluation Policy Statement

The goal of MTK's Player Evaluation Process is to fairly and consistently evaluate players for the purposes of proper team placement on our competitive club teams.

This will be achieved through the establishment and maintenance of an evaluation program consistent across all levels.

The MTK Player Evaluation Process will be based upon the standardized scoring of skills against an established set of criteria augmented by evaluation of game skills during evaluation/exhibition games.

### Evaluator Selection Criteria

MTK will do its best to have third party evaluators for all scoring.

**Head coaches can provide their own evaluators for feedback and notes only.**

Evaluators must have an appropriate background to effectively evaluate player skills and performance. Preferable background characteristics can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Experience with player evaluation and performance systems;
- Suitable background in hockey either as a player or as a coach;
- Knowledgeable persons that are not stakeholders in the program;
- Players or coaches from higher level hockey programs such as U18 or Junior, for example; and
- A willingness to evaluate players in categories in which they do not have a child registered.

It is desirable to have a consistent group of Evaluators throughout the entire process. Preference shall be given to Evaluators that are able to commit to the entire evaluation process for one level.

Enough Evaluators should be present to achieve an appropriate sample.

**Evaluators will only evaluate a level in which they do not have a child registered/participating.**

## **Competitive Team Tryout Process**

U10-U15 following HC Pathways will have a minimum of 3 sessions to select the competitive team, and players may be released after three sessions. U16-U18 will have a minimum of 2 sessions to select the competitive team. The following process is strongly recommended but may be modified based on number of players in attendance of the tryout for the competitive team's level.

### **Initial Evaluation Sessions:**

- Two - three sessions over two - three separate days will be held for initial evaluation.
- Skills and tactics evaluated are dependent on category (identified below).
- Format of try-out sessions are dependent on category and may include individual skills and tactics, team tactics, and team play.
- Candidates may be reduced to 20 players or less based on ranking within the standard evaluation rating system (except for goalies who will all attend a goalie evaluation session).
- The potential coach or executive may choose to add additional players independent of the player ranking.
- Initial releases will be posted online by jersey number and/or name and unsuccessful candidates will be asked to attend their home association evaluations/sort outs.

### **Goalie Evaluation Sessions:**

In addition to the sessions under the initial evaluation sessions, goalies will attend a goalie specific evaluation session.

- Skills and tactics evaluated are dependent on category (identified below).
- Format of try-out sessions are dependent on category and coordinated by a third-party evaluator.
- Candidates will be reduced based on ranking within the standard evaluation rating system.
- The potential coach or executive may choose to add additional players independent of the player ranking.
- Initial releases will be posted online by jersey number and/or name and unsuccessful candidates will be asked to attend their home association evaluations.

The following table provides a guideline for evaluation of players during the initial sessions.

Skill / Tactic	U10/U11	U12/U13	U14/15	U16/U18
Skating	40%	25%	10%	10%
Puck Control	20%	15%	5%	5%
Shooting	10%	10%	5%	5%
Game Situations	30%	50%	80%	80%

The following table provides a guideline for evaluation of goalies.

Skill / Tactic	U10/U11	U12/U13	U14/15	U16/U18
Skating	30%	20%	10%	10%
Agility/Recovery	20%	25%	30%	30%
Game Play	20%	40%	50%	50%
Follows / Reads Play	30%	15%	10%	10%

### Final Evaluation Sessions:

- Additional sessions in the exhibition game format will be held to select the final team. At each level this may vary.
- Any additional try-out sessions are at the discretion of the coach/Executive and may include:
  - Individual and team tactics;
  - Game situations and understanding (through exhibition games);
  - and
  - Player attitude, competitiveness, effort, and commitment.

### Competitive Team Selection

The evaluation system will rank the players based on their individual scores. The coach, in consultation with the evaluators and the MTK Team Selection Committee, will select the team. The MTK Team Selection Committee will approve all final team selections prior to player contact. Each team will be composed of 15 skaters and 2 goalies where possible.

\* The MTK Team Selection Committee will ensure legitimate placement of a coach's son/daughter as player if coach is a parent.

### Competitive Transfers

Competitive transfers will be accepted at the discretion of the MTK Executive in collaboration with the head coach and in accordance with District 4 and HEO policies.

## **Releases**

For U10-U15, players invited to continue in the tryout process will be posted online by jersey # and/or player name following the third session and following the goalie skill session.

For U16-U18, players invited to continue in the tryout process will be posted online by jersey # and/or player name following the second session and following the goalie skill session.

Final team selection and releases will be posted online for all levels following the final tryout game.

## **Rosters**

Players selected to teams will not be placed on rosters and/or allowed to attend any team practices/functions until requirements have been met according to the registration policy.

## **Missing Tryout Sessions**

Players who cannot attend ANY of their scheduled tryout sessions are asked to advise the MTK Executive. Players who are injured and cannot participate or complete tryouts are asked to present a medical certificate for any significant injuries preventing them from participating. Each situation will be reviewed with the coach and the MTK Executive case by case, based on the reason for the missed session.