**BMHA Non-Resident Player Policy**

**Philosophy:** The purpose of the OMHA NRP Movement Policy is to provide top players from small centers an opportunity to play at a higher level of minor hockey. It is the position of the BMHA Rep Committee that BMHA will not use the NRP policy to provide depth to representative teams.

*Definitions:*

*Non-Resident Player*: player whose home centre is ‘A’ base category or lower and is therefore eligible to try out for AA teams within Barrie Minor Hockey Association at the Minor Peewee age group and higher. The player must attend the closest ‘AA’ home centre to be eligible for tryouts.

*Rep Committee*: Committee composed of the division convenors as defined within the rep manual and constitution.

*Director of Rep*: Head of the Rep Committee and as defined by job description within the constitution.

*Terms:*

a) Non Resident Player Movement to ‘AA’ is only permitted for participants Minor Pee Wee age and above.

b) Movement is only permitted to a higher level for players from ‘A’ and below base category Centres

**Note:** There shall be **NO** lateral movement (‘A’ to ‘A’, ‘AA’ to ‘AA’)

c) Maximum number of “Non Resident Players” (NRP) is three (3) per eligible team. NRPs may only make up 50% of one position on a team. Once a team has rostered an NRP then NO replacement NRP will be permitted.

d) NRPs must be identified during tryouts by the head coach to be within the top 3 players of the position they are trying out for. If required, members of the Rep Committee may be required to make this evaluation.

e) Other than at a player’s Home Centre, the number of tryouts an NRP can attend is limited to two other categories. For his first opportunity, a player has the right to choose to tryout at ‘AAA’ as per OMHA regulations, but this tryout **is not** mandatory. As the second opportunity, the player **must** try out for a ‘AA’ team at a ‘AAA’ or ‘AA’ base category Centre or an ‘A’ team at an ‘A’ base category Centre. A player’s tryout will only be permitted for the base category team in a Centre, any exceptions are listed below. It should be noted that Barrie Minor Hockey Association is a ‘AAA’/’AA’ base category Centre thus NRPs may only tryout for ‘AA’ teams.

f) No tryout refunds.

**Player Movement from Specific Base Categories:**

1. A player from an OMHA ‘**BB’ base category Centre and below** may try out for:

a) ‘AA’ Zone as per the current regulations

b) One ‘AA’ team in a ‘AAA’ or ‘AA’ base category Centre nearest to his residence **OR** one ‘A’ team in an ‘A’ base category Centre nearest to his residence **AND**

 c) his/her Home Centre

2. A player from an OMHA ‘**A’ base category Centre** may try out for:

 a) ‘AAA’ Zone as per the current regulations

b) One ‘AA’ team in an OMHA ‘AAA’ or ‘AA’ base category Centre nearest his residence **AND**

c) his/her Home Centre

**PROCESS FOR ATTENDING TRYOUTS**

a) Eligible players, upon pre-registration with their Home Centre for the upcoming season, must request a Non Resident Player (NRP) Passport to be eligible for the process/tryout.  The Home Centre will verify that the player is eligible by age/residence for their Home Centre will authorize the NRP Passport.

b) If the player attends his Home ‘AAA’ Zone tryouts and is not offered a roster position, he may then exercise the option to attend tryouts at a Centre as outlined under **Additional Method of Player Movement** and/or request an OHF ‘AAA’ Waiver per current Regulations.

c) If the player **chooses to exercise his option to try out for a ‘AA’ or ‘A’ Centre** as per **Additional Method of Player Movement (NRP)**,  that ‘AA’ or ‘A’ Centre  must validate  the player’s  attendance  at tryouts on the NRP Passport.

d) Should a player’s next nearest Centre categorized at ‘AA’ or ‘A’ choose **NOT** to allow an NRP’s to try out the player may continue to exercise his options.

e) If the player is not offered a roster position at his chosen ‘AA’ or ‘A’ centre, he **MUST** return to his Home Centre.

f) If the player is offered a roster position at his chosen option of ‘AA’ or ‘A’ he **MUST** return to his Home Centre at the end of each season. (Permission is for one season only).

g) The NRP Passport is retained by the Centre/Team for which the player rosters and **MUST** be uploaded to the player’s profile.

h) The Centre/Team with which the player rosters **MUST** notify the Home Centre by September 30th of the current season.

i) A team must offer a player the opportunity to sign a “Letter of Commitment” for the current season within 30 days of the commencement of the team’s tryouts or September 15, whichever is earlier.

j) Any player signed after September 15 will require the agreement of the Home Centre, in writing.

k) A team cannot release a signed player after September 15, without the agreement of his Home Centre, in writing.  Any such release shall be to the player’s Home Centre only.

l) A player requesting his release back to the Home Centre must do so, in writing, to the Rostering Centre and the Home Centre.

m) There will be no movement of players after November 1st unless agreed by the player’s parents, the Rostering Centre and the Home Centre, in writing.

n) Player Movement and the process will be reviewed yearly.

Registered NRPs will attend the NRP tryout skate. All head coaches for the age groups Minor Peewee and older will attend the NRP skates. The Head Coaches will identify the players from the NRP skate that will attend the first ‘AA’ tryout. Head Coaches will identify players that will fit within the top three players at each position to invite to ‘AA’ tryouts. A maximum of 5 can be invited to the tryout, but the Head Coach is not required to bring NRP players to tryouts if they are evaluated outside the top 3 players at any position.

NRP players are only guaranteed the NRP skate. They are not entitled to the ‘AA’ tryouts.