



# OWHA UPDATE TRYOUTS



OWHA tryouts for the 2026/2027 Hockey Season may commence at 12:01 am on Monday, April 14, 2026, and end at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2026 for all divisions.

Notwithstanding the above, OWHA Associations may run internal evaluation practices for **their 2025/2026 registered participants ONLY (players and team staff) for the purpose of supporting and retaining players to hockey.** It is important that these activities support maximizing game and practice time for ALL players in the association.

**NEW:**

**ALL staff MUST be assigned to an OWHA approved TRYOUT roster to participate in any tryout activities. Only those with a valid background check will be approved.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

OWHA Members are to follow OWHA documents, policies, and procedures. These should not be confused with materials issued by the OHF, HEO, HNO and other minor and junior hockey associations.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ASSIST**

PLAYER 1	Currently registered in Association / team X & wants to tryout with Association Y	Requires a properly signed OWHA Permission to tryout prior to tryout and/or requires a release (on RAMP) from Association / team X  May tryout with any OWHA association / team as of April 14, 2026.
PLAYER 2	Is registered with Association/ team X and receives a call from a coach to come to Association /team Y	<b>This is tampering and not permitted</b>
PLAYER 3	Registered in the past but did not register in the last season with Association / team X but wants to tryout with Association / team Y	Requires a properly signed OWHA Permission to tryout prior to tryout and/or requires a release (on RAMP) from Association /team X.  May tryout with any OWHA association / team as of April 14, 2026
PLAYER 4	Has never been registered	May tryout with any OWHA association / team as of April 14, 2026.
PLAYER 5	Has played with a minor (male/coed) hockey association/ team in Ontario but not OWHA	May tryout for any OWHA Association / team as of April 14, 2026
PLAYER 6	Is moving from another province	Contact OWHA Office - Requires Inter Branch transfer
PLAYER 7	Played in USA	Contact OWHA Office - Requires transfer
PLAYER 8	Played in a non-North American country	Contact OWHA Office – Requires transfer