



## INTRODUCTION TO THE CLARINGTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Clarington Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) 2025/26 Season tryouts. The goal of the tryouts is to identify and place the most qualified eligible players at the highest possible level. This season the CMHA will be offering eligible players the opportunity to vie for positions on teams competing at the "AA", "A" and "BB/B" levels provided.

Playing Toros hockey can be an enjoyable experience, providing lasting memories. To enhance this process, we have prepared this document with the aim of providing parents & players with a realistic view of the commitment and expectations associated with playing Toros Hockey.

The CMHA originally established in 1973, has steadily grown and established itself as a respectable, competitive hockey organization within the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA). The CMHA (Toros) is regarded as a leader in development, providing its participants with an opportunity to expand their hockey skills while acquiring valuable life skills and a love for the game along the way,

CMHA will be using a passport system for our tryouts. It is the family's responsibility to purchase this passport and registration fee prior to attending for the tryouts by visiting our website at [www.claringtontoros.com](http://www.claringtontoros.com). Teams, which are playing exhibition games during the tryout process, will be responsible for all associated expenses incurred. To cover cost of referees and timekeepers an additional fee may be collected by team representatives.

The Head Coach will provide a tryout schedule outlining details regarding exhibition games, parent meetings and player releases. Online releases for our first and second releases (this will be done at the head coaches' discretion, as some may still prefer face to face releases). all other releases will be conducted in a private, face to face meeting with the player. Parents are welcome to accompany their child during the release interview process; Coaches are not permitted to excuse any player from tryouts, with the exemption of injured players or players not dressing for an exhibition game. The Coach must provide the tryout desk with a list of the players not dressing prior to the tryout to ensure accurate collection of tryout fees.

The tryout process is divided into four phases of evaluation;

- Determine if players have the fundamental skills, or show the potential to develop the required skills to compete at this level
- Determine if players can fulfill requirements of specific positions
- Determine players ability to read & react in game situations
- Observations of the player's attitude, work ethic, coach-ability and potential to become a team player.

Once tryouts are complete, CMHA teams may participate in off-ice summer activities such as team building, social and fundraising events, they are **NOT** permitted to attend any on-ice functions as a Toros team. CMHA teams will reconvene their on-ice practice schedules no sooner than the provided dates by the organization.

Members of Toro teams are expected to adhere to team rules as set out by the Head Coach, along with a commitment pertaining to attendance at team activities such as; games, extra practices, tournaments, off ice training, etc., unless an unforeseen or unavoidable situation occurs. Players who incur repeated or extended absences will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Coaching Staff and Executive.



**The cost associated with playing CMHA Toros hockey is amongst the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area at respective levels of competition and ice allocation. Due to increased operating cost beyond our control, the CMHA player fee for this season are estimated at \$2700.00 per player, which include free admission to all OMHA regular season and playoff games. Players accepting a position with a CMHA Team will be required to submit the choice of either full payment at signing; or first \$900 installment at signing. Second \$900 instalment will be due no later than July 15 and final \$900 instalment August 15<sup>th</sup>. Payments are made online.**

Toro teams are representatives of the Clarington community and thus will be expected to abide by dress codes as directed by the CMHA Dress Code Policy and the Head Coach. This may require the purchase of additional CMHA approved clothing such as warm-up suits and/or coats. Upon selection to a CMHA team and prior to participation in games, all CMHA **Toros players are required to wear Solid Red Pant Shells provided by the organization & Red Helmets. Goalies are required to wear solid red pants.** Game jerseys are purchased by players. Jerseys are only used for two consecutive years by the original owner. The jersey must be in good condition and fit properly for the second season to be approved to wear. Fitting dates, details of cost, numbers approved to use are provided in a separate letter. All players are to attend their fitting dates. #16 is not available as this number has been retired for all teams in CMHA.

Athletes participating in any high-level sports must learn to efficiently manage their time. This becomes important when trying to balance the commitment to their team and maintain a high emphasis on education. It is important to build a positive relationship with your child's teacher, emphasizing your commitment to education, so that on such occasions where you child will miss school to participate in hockey activities; the teacher will provide necessary support.

**All Parent(s) of player(s) in the CMHA, are required to attend a parent orientation seminar (TBA early September) prior to their child participating in any league games.**

The CMHA strives to provide families of prospective players the ability to make an informed decision prior to accepting a position with the CMHA Toros. In addition to this letter, each Head Coach will provide additional details, outlining their team's coaching philosophy, level of commitment and approximate cost associated with playing on that team.

**Prior to a player being accepted to a CMHA team, both parents as well as the player will be required to sign a CMHA Code of Conduct document.**

Best of luck during these tryouts. If you have any questions or concerns regarding information within this document feel free to contact your executive members.

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