



# SLMHA

SYLVAN LAKE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## Policy on Player Eligibility, Registration, and Movement

1. In order to be eligible to register with SLMHA as your home association, you must meet one of the following criteria:
  - a. Your primary residence in Sylvan Lake
  - b. Sylvan Lake is your closest association in driving distance, within 10km
  - c. Provide proof of extenuating circumstances, and if necessary, obtain a release from your current home association.

\*SLMHA reserves the right to request any proof of residency, schooling, or other documents to use in validating requests to register with SLMHA. If you are part of another association and meet one of the above criteria, you will require a release from that association before the registration process can begin.

2. Registration for SLMHA will be granted on the following basis
  - a. Early bird registration will open up 2 weeks before general registration. In the case where waitlists are needed due to registration numbers, preference will be given to those players who were members in good standing with SLMHA the year prior. Eg. During early bird registration, if you were the first person to register with SLMHA but were not a member in good standing the year prior, all returning members who register during the early bird period would be given priority to registration over yourself
    - i. When general registration opens, the previous year's status will be irrelevant, and all registration will be granted on a first-come basis.
    - ii. The above rules shall apply to everyone who is registered for West Central Tigers tryouts, whose home association is SLMHA. You will not bypass any waitlists for SLMHA by registering for WCT.
  - b. When registering in divisions that have a AA path, you will need to select both the AA and Lakers tryout options to be guaranteed a spot on Lakers if released from AA. Your AA registration will automatically revert to Lakers registration if released, but you must have selected the Lakers tryout option during registration. If you are selected to a AA roster, you will be refunded for your Lakers tryout.



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- c. SLMHA will implement a soft cap for all registrations up to June 30, or until ice is allocated by the Town of Sylvan Lake. This is to ensure we do not over-extend our registration passed our allotted ice for the season. After the ice is finalized, soft caps will be released and hard caps will be established.
- d. SMLHA will exhaust every avenue to ensure all kids who wish to play hockey will have an opportunity to do so. If SLMHA cannot accommodate a player, a full refund will be given and we will assist in finding placement with an alternative association.

### 3. Refund Policy

- a. No refunds will be granted as of September 1 for any registration or tryouts
- b. Any players belonging to SLMHA as their home association who register for WCT tryouts will automatically be assigned to Lakers tryouts if they are released from WCT tryouts. No refunds will be given if they are released from WCT and choose to play elsewhere, except in the case where that player has been granted a second tryout with another hub association, and makes that roster.
- c. Refunds will be granted for players who can show medical or extenuating circumstances to cancelling their registration.

### 4. Player Movement

- a. Players who wish to exit SLMHA or the WCT to another association or hub association must show reasonable circumstances for doing so, and attain the necessary release documentation from SLMHA/WCT.
  - i. Player movement forms for the AA stream can be found on Hockey Alberta's website, and must be done in June.
  - ii. Release forms for the other streams can be obtained through the home association's administration.
- b. Players residing with a different association as their home association who played with the WCT in the previous year, will revert back to that association if they are released from WCT tryouts.
- c. Players who are accepted into SLMHA on a one-year release from their home association will automatically revert back to their home association at the conclusion of that year.