

SYLVAN LAKE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FAQs – 2025-2026 Season

Registration will open at NOON on June 2, 2025

CAPACITIES & WAITLISTS:

- There will be capacities on Learn to Play, U7, U9, U11 & U13.
- U15 & U18 will be tryout to play:
 - All tryout levels will require a tryout fee.
 - Players who do not make a team in U15 & U18, SLMHA will assist in finding an alternative association to play with for the season.
- TeamSnap will generate a waitlist where capacities apply.
 - o <u>Being on the waitlist does NOT necessarily mean we don't have a spot for your player</u>
 - SLMHA will implement a soft cap on 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 past our allocated ice for the
 season. After the ice is finalized, soft caps will be released, and hard caps will be established.
 - SLMHA 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 of participant fees will be given, and we will assist in finding placement with an alternative association. (Tryout fees are non-refundable. \$50 Admin Fee applies)
 - Players will be contacted in the order in which they were waitlisted.
- Tigers AA & AAA Tryouts are <u>NOT</u> capped.
 - Should U13 reach capacity, SL players on the U13 Lakers waitlist that wish to tryout for Tigers, will still be permitted to tryout for Tigers and would need to contact Admin to register.
 - If a waitlisted U13 player is released from Tigers tryouts, they will remain on the Lakers waitlist until we are able to accommodate, or we will assist in finding another MHA to play with.



REGISTRATION & TRYOUT FEES:

- Each level of tryout requires a separate tryout fee. AAA, AA & A/B each require a tryout fee.
- Any players belonging to SLMHA as their home association who register for WCT AA & AAA 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.
- Sylvan Lake Resident players must pay the Participant Fee for the highest level of tryout they intend to participate in, if released from tryout, participant fee will be adjusted accordingly.
 - AA / AAA Tryout required to pay AA / AAA Participant Fee plus all applicable tryout fees.
 - A/B Tryout required to pay A/B Participant Fee plus all applicable tryout fees.
 - Base level with no tryouts pays Base level Participant fee.

TRYOUT PROCESS:

- All Minor Divisions will be evaluated by third party evaluators. This includes U11, U13, U15 & U18, with the exception of our base level teams in U11 & U13.
- All AA & AAA West Central Tigers will be evaluated by third party evaluators

SLMHA BOUNDARIES & REFUND POLICY:

- <u>SLMHA Policy on Player Eligibility, Registration, and Movement</u>
- <u>SLMHA Boundary Map</u>
- <u>SLMHA Handbook Refund Policy</u>
- With the recent changes to Hockey Alberta boundaries, SLMHA will be maintaining previously set boundaries. Players must reside within SLMHA & WCT boundaries/draw zone and are required to provide Proof of Residency.
- The boundary changes have NOT changed the West Central Tigers draw zone. Players must be from the allocated draw zone.



PARENT TO DO LIST BEFORE REGISTRATION:

- Log into Hockey Canada Spordle account to update EACH player's HCR info (Hockey Canada Registry)
 - Parent Contact Information
 - Current Physical Address
 - Rural residents REQUIRE their Legal Land Description (EX: SW-01-02-03-W5)
 - Rural "Blue Sign" address will not be accepted.
- <u>Proof of Residency REQUIRED for all players.</u>
 - Please upload Proof of Residency to each player's HCR in Spordle, under "Documents"
 - Needs to be two of the following with the **PARENT NAME & PHYSICAL ADDRESS**
 - Driver's License
 - Vehicle Registration
 - Vehicle Insurance
 - Home Rental Agreement (Remove Financial Info)
 - Home Purchase Agreement (Remove Financial Info)
- Check that <u>Respect in Sport Parent Certificate</u> is current.
 - Needs to have been completed since June 1st, 2021
 - Check that each of your players have their RIS Parent Certificate showing on their HCR Profile

***PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS MANDITORY.** Players will be required to prove their primary residence is located within Sylvan Lake or <u>SLMHA Boundaries</u>. Those who do not provide Proof of Residency before August 15th, 2025 will risk being removed from registration with SLMHA for 2025-2026