



SLMHA

SYLVAN LAKE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Sylvan Lake Minor Hockey - Policy on Player Eligibility, Registration, and Movement

ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible to register with SLMHA as your home association, you must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Your primary residence is in Sylvan Lake or within SLMHA Boundary
 - b. Provide proof of extenuating circumstances and if necessary, obtain a release from your current home association
2. Proof of residency will be required to register with SLMHA. If it is found that new registrants are not from within SLMHA boundaries, they will be placed on a waitlist.
3. New players to Minor Hockey creating an HCR Profile for the first time must reside within SLMHA boundaries to be accepted into association.

REGISTRATION

1. **NEW STARTING 2026-2027 – Registration for SLMHA will be granted on the following basis:**
 - a. **PRIORITY REGISTRATION** will open 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.

FOR EXAMPLE: During Priority Registration, if your player was 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 priority registration period would be given priority to registration over yourself
 - b. This rule applies to the player that was not registered the year prior. If a family has another player that was registered with SLMHA the year prior, that player would qualify for Priority Registration, however the player who did not register the year prior would not qualify for Priority Registration.
 - c. When general registration opens, the previous year's status will be irrelevant, and all registration will be granted on a first-come basis.
 - d. The above rules 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.



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2. Capacities

- a. 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 allotted ice for the season. After the ice is finalized, soft caps will be released, and hard caps will be established.
- b. SLMHA will exhaust every avenue to ensure all kids who wish to play hockey will have an opportunity to do so.
- c. Players released from U15 & U18 Tryouts - If SLMHA cannot accommodate a player, a full refund will be given for participant fees, less \$50 Admin Fee, and we will assist in finding placement with an alternative association. Tryout fees are non-refundable.

3. Refund Policy - *Full Policy in [SLMHA Handbook](#) found online under “Forms”

- a. \$50 Admin Fee applies to all refunds, per registrant.
- b. Refunds must be requested in writing to the SLMHA Admin.
- c. No refunds will be granted as of September 1 for any registration or tryouts.
- d. 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.
- e. Refunds will be granted for players who can show medical or extenuating circumstances to cancel their registration.

PLAYER MOVEMENT

1. SLMHA – Should a player wish to register with another association, they must show reasonable circumstances for doing so and obtain the necessary release documentation from SLMHA & Hockey Alberta.
2. WCT – Should a player wish to access their first tryout with a different Recruitment Area or Draw Zone, must submit an Elite Player Movement Application form online with Hockey Alberta between May 1 – July 1.
3. Players from an outside association as their home association who played with the WCT in the previous year, will revert back to that association.
4. Players from outside associations trying out for WCT, if released from WCT tryouts, must return to their home association for tiered hockey or obtain a second tryout from an accepting elite hub.
5. 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.