



## NVMHA Rep Tryout Policy – Underage Players

Any NVMHA player wishing to tryout for Rep Hockey as an underage player may be permitted to do so with approval of the NVMHA Board of Directors. This policy applies to U11 through U18 age groups only.

Players must submit their request in writing to the NVMHA Director of Player Safety by July 31 prior to rep tryout dates. Players must state:

1. Name and birth date of player
2. Parent names and contact information
3. Division name and team and coach names from the past two seasons

At their regular board meeting NVMHA Board of Directors will review any requests received and make decisions based on the following criteria:

1. Player's ability to compete safely as an underage player;
2. Player's previous playing history;
3. Director of Player Safety and Division Director recommendations after review of history and discussions with previous coaches.

Criteria for underage player appointment to above age Rep Team:

1. Player must pay the required rep try out fee on approval. There will be no refunds for the tryout fee;
2. The result of the independent evaluation is final and must be accepted by the player and their parents;
3. Player must successfully attend all tryout dates and times for the requested age group. A player who is not able to attend all tryouts due to injury or other absence may not be permitted to be considered for an above age group Rep Team;
4. Except for the U11 age group, the player must be ranked as one of the top three defence, top four forward or top two goalies by the independent evaluators at the rep tryouts hosted by NVMHA; At the U11 age group the player must be ranked as one of the top eight skaters and/or top two goalies;
5. The player must maintain their status (see point 5) through phase two and if cut will return to the appropriate level in their own age group;
6. Approval to try out at a higher level does not guarantee placement in a specific working group in phase 2 evaluations at their own age group;
7. The player and their family must be prepared to commit fully to the financial and time commitments of rep hockey;
8. U13 aged players will not be permitted to tryout for U15 Rep teams unless it is determined and agreed that the player is sufficiently mature emotionally and physically for the rigours of full contact (body-checking) hockey;
9. NVMHA reserves the right to pull the player from the tryout if a safety risk is identified by the evaluators or Director of Hockey;
10. A player who is successful in making a Rep Team as an underage player is not guaranteed a bye or advantage from season to season. The player must meet the same requirements each year they are an underage rep player.