


Q & A

Lambton Shores Minor Hockey





As of now, U9 players are still bound by residency restrictions

Open Borders means that OHF lifted any residency restrictions or “boundaries” for hockey players. Previously, players were only eligible to play rep or a/e for their home centre. Now all players age U10 - U21 can play competitive hockey for any center of their choosing.


Who does this affect?

U10 - U21



Open Borders

This means that players can choose to try out for multiple centers. Once a player has been offered and accepted a position on a team, they have committed to that centre and that team for 2025-26 season.



Players may choose to continue to play local league for their home centre or another centre of their choosing.

What does this Mean for LSMHA?

- Unchartered territory
- Unknown team sizes
- Spring tryouts for Rep teams (U9 - U15)
- Registration Process changes
- Revision of Rules of Operations (ROO)
 - Players can are now eligible to attend A/E (or MD2) tryouts without having had attended Rep (or MD1) tryouts
 - +/- 2 player size difference between Rep/ A/E /LL teams has been removed.
- To be discussed at next board meeting - changes / revisions to refund and / or cancellation policy
- OHF has increased player insurance and registration costs - please expect an increase in registration costs for this season. (Approx \$70)
- No rep fee this year as all players will be paying a tryout fee



Preskate

- Separate registration for preskate (no cost)
- All players rostered to LSMHA for the 2024-25 season eligible to attend preskates
- Preskates to begin **week of April 6th.**
- All players attend preskate in age category of current season. For example, if they skated U9 this year, they attend U9 preskate.
- Preskates offered for U7 - U15 players in the spring
- Please watch website for preskate registration in the next week (MUST register to attend) and preskate dates starting week of April 6th.
- 4 preskates per age division
- Only LSMHA rostered players are eligible to attend

Registration

Step 1.
Preskate - parents MUST register their child for preskates in order to be eligible to attend.
Next: Player proceeds to step 2 or step 3 of registration process.

U9 - U15 tryout process for SPRING Rep and Fall A/E tryouts.

**U18 Rep & A/E FALL tryouts
U21 Fall Tryouts**

Step 2.
Tryout Registration - Posted April 2
** \$100 non refundable tryout fee
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Step 2a.
Player attends tryouts. Player offered a spot on Rep team. Player has 48 hours to accept spot and use provided registration link to register.
***note: offer of rep team spot can happen at any stage of tryout process.*

Step 2b.
Player is not offered a spot on Rep roster. Player attends A/E tryouts in September 2025. Player offered a spot on A/E team. Player has 48 hours to accept spot and use provided registration link to register.
***note: offer of A/E team spot can happen at any stage of tryout process.*

Step 2c.
Player not offered a spot on the A/E team. Player uses the LL link and registers to play LL for the 2025-26 season.

Step 3.
Local League Registration. Players not interested in attending tryouts and registers to be placed on a local league team. Player registers using the Local League link posted Mid April. Player does not attend tryouts. Attends first skate following schedule in September with Local League Sorting Skate.

Note: Player can complete tryout registration until cut off date in August and pay \$100 non refundable tryout fee and attend A/E tryouts without having attended rep tryouts

Multiple Registration Links

- 1) **Preskate Link** ~ to be posted on the website
 - Free & must be rostered LSMHA player for 2024-25 season to be eligible to attend
- 2) **Tryout Link** ~ to be posted on the website on April 2nd
 - \$100 non refundable tryout fee (1 fee for both Rep and A/E teams)
- 3) **Rep or MD1 team registration link** ~ to be privately emailed to parents of players offered a rep (MD1) position - 48 hours to accept, register and pay with LSMHA *
- 4) **A/E or MD2 registration link** ~ to be privately emailed to parents of players offered an A/E (MD2) position - 48 hours to accept, register and pay with LSMHA *
- 5) **U6, U7; All Local League & U21B Registration Link** ~ to be posted on the website.

* payment schedule & amounts to be finalized (again, uncharted territory for LSMHA)