

Policy 2. Registration

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Current Policy

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The age groups for the various divisions within DMHA are as follows, subject to OMHA policies, rules and regulations:

Division	Age (at Dec 31)
U5 (formerly Mite)	4 years
U6 (formerly Jr. Initiation Program)	5 years
U7 (formerly Sr. Initiation Program)	6 years
U8 (formerly Minor Novice)	7 Years
U9 (formerly Novice)	8 years
U11 (formerly Atom)	9-10 years

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U5	4 years
U6	5 years
U7	6 years
U9	7-8 years
U10 Rep	9 years
U11 Rep	10 Years

U13 (formerly PeeWee)	11-12 years
U15 (formerly Bantam)	13-14 years
U18 (formerly Midget)	15-17 years
Juvenile	TBD if offered

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Registration dates and methods will be established by the executive in consultation with the registrar of the association, and will be published on the DMHA website and in the Dorchester Signpost prior to the registration date(s). No registrations will be accepted outside of the approved and published dates and methods. Registration of players shall be

U11 Local League	9-10 years
U12 Rep	11 years
U13 Rep	12 years
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U14 Rep	13 years
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U16 Rep	15 years
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completed by the date determined by the executive, which will generally be on or before July 30 each year, with the dates for exceptions, late registration and full payment of registration and related fees determined by the executive. Registration and related fees and amounts will be established for each season and published prior to registration by the Dorchester Minor Hockey Association's executive. The registration fee for each player shall be calculated according to basic reasonable costing principles, with priority given to costs associated with ice time usage. Ice time allocation to specific age groups and teams will be recommended by the association executive and built into registration fees and the budget. Players must pay the fees established for the age group in which they register. Registration fees are the base fees to play hockey in a specific age group. Related fees and amounts include the following:

1. Tryout fees, which allow a player to try out for a representative (BB or AE) team;
2. Representative fees, paid by players who are selected to play on a representative team. Representative fees must be paid in full by October 1 each year;
3. Annual fundraising fee of \$100.00 per family, in exchange for which the family receives a booklet of yellow fundraising tickets. Proceeds from the family's sale of the fundraising tickets may be used by the family to offset the fundraising fee paid;

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6. Tryout fees, which allow a player to try out for a representative (A) team;
7. Representative fees, paid by players who are selected to play on a representative team. Representative fees must be paid in full by **September 1** each year;
8. Annual fundraising fee of \$100.00 per family, in exchange for which the family receives a booklet of yellow fundraising tickets. Proceeds from the family's sale of the fundraising tickets may be used by the family to offset the fundraising fee paid;

- 4. Any late fees established by the executive;
- 5. Volunteer bond, the amount of which will be established each season by the executive. The bond must be posted at registration or in such other manner as approved by the executive by way of a post-dated cheque, dated for March 31 of the calendar year immediately following the year of registration.

Registration fees do not fully cover all operational costs, such as amounts to pay for game officials (ie: referees, timekeepers etc). These amounts are paid from the proceeds of gate fees, which are required and set by the Shamrock Hockey League and/or Lambton-Middlesex Local League and/or OMHA (in the case of playdowns). Payments for game officials may be covered from registration fees if there is a shortfall to be covered (ie: low attendance, people avoiding the gate, etc).

In order to maintain the association's ability to plan its ice requirements, it is necessary to complete registration in a timely manner. Registration will be completed by a date established by the executive. Players who wish to register after regular registration has been completed may only do so at a date/time and manner established by DMHA and its registrar, if any, and will not be guaranteed a spot on any team. Further registration (if any taken) will only be accepted by the registrar at a date/time selected by the registrar.

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No player will be permitted to participate in any tryouts for a U10-U16 representative team unless the tryout fee has been paid in full. No player will be permitted to participate in any tryouts for a U18 team or evaluations for a local league team

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