

## Policy 4. Releases, Transfers and Non-Resident Players

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- b. as a result of signing with a higher classified team (i.e. AAA or OHF).

All releases must be signed by the president and the OMHA representative of the Dorchester Minor Hockey Association. No releases will be granted for the above after September 15 of the year in which the player was registered. No releases under a right of choice will be granted after the start of tryouts.

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**c. as a result of being released from a DMHA Rep/A team and desiring to try-out for an OMHA B or C classified (first entry) team.**

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### Transfers

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### Non-Resident Player

Dorchester Minor Hockey Association (DMHA) will accept Non-Resident Players (including goalies) at the U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 or U18 divisions wishing to try out for DMHA teams with an OMHA 'A' classification, as per OMHA regulations. A player at the U10 or U11 age/division are not eligible for a NRP passport.

Players are required to have an OMHA approved Non-Resident Player (NRP) passport to attend tryouts. To obtain a NRP passport, players/parents should contact their home center OMHA representative.

The home centre OMHA representative will require the following information with a request for a NRP passport:

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Phone number

Team played for this past year

Team trying out for

Players seeking a NRP passport must first be registered with their home center.

A NRP passport is good for one season only as per OMHA.

#### NRP Process

1. Player registers with their home centre
2. Player requests a "Permission to Skate Form" from their Home Centre if they wish to try out for OHF AAA hockey (i.e., OMHA, Alliance, GTHL, etc.) Player requests an NRP Passport from their home centre if they wish to try out for OMHA AA hockey. Only one passport will be given to any one player. Only players at U12 and above will be granted a Passport. NRP passports will not be granted for Alliance AA/A hockey, as per OMHA regulation 3.5.
3. The home centre will determine the player's closest centre for OMHA AA hockey. This will be done by the use of Google Maps and by measuring the distance from the player's residence to the OMHA AA Centre's "centre point".
4. The home centre will pre-register the player in the HCR system as "Non-Resident Player Passport" in the group drop down box in the pre-registration section. The home centre retains the top copy of the passport.
5. The home centre will fill out the passport.

The rest of the passport will be filled out by the OMHA AA centre and, if the player is successful in obtaining a position with the team to which they are trying out for, the OMHA AA centre will upload the completed passport in the player's profile in the HCR System. If the player is unsuccessful in obtaining a position, he returns to the home centre.

Players can try out at AAA but this is not mandatory. Players can try out for OMHA AA and if they are not offered a spot on the OMHA AA team they return to their home centre. They cannot tryout for another OMHA AA team if released.

Once a DMHA player has fulfilled all their tryout commitments within DMHA and is released from the DMHA OMHA 'A' category team, the player may try out for one (1) OMHA B or below base category centre. To be eligible the player is required to be the U12 age (eleven (11) years old) or older as of December 31st of the current playing season. The player will request a NRP passport to attend tryouts at one OMHA B or below base category centre.

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