



AMHA 2021-22 Registration Support Document

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The Avalon Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) welcomes all players and families back to the 2021-22 season! Your Board and staff have had a busy summer planning on-ice programming and completing rink improvements. This document provides registration guidance for new and returning players. **We encourage everyone to review this document and relevant sections prior to commencing registration.**

1. AVALON CELTICS HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

As published in our [August 25 News Post](#), AMHA has partnered with Growlers Academy for our 2021-22 pre-season camp. The camp will commence on Saturday September 25 and run for 3 weeks. Growlers Academy staff, led by AMHA Alumnus Jeremy Kavanagh, will deliver instruction under 3 themes: ***Shake The Rust, Sweat it Out, and Hockey IQ***. Capacity is 20+/- skaters and up to 6 goalies in each age group.

Participants in U9, U11, U13, U15, and Female groups will receive 6 hours of on-ice instruction (2 hours per week over 3 weeks) at a cost of \$135. Registration with AMHA or DJHL is a prerequisite for Growlers Academy pre-season camp and registration fee is an add-on option in our registration form. We expect these sessions to fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged!

Players involved in the tryout process for DJHL U13 AA / U15 AA who have not yet registered for AMHA, but also want to register for Growlers Academy, should email President@AvalonCeltics.com and we will accommodate your registration.

In the coming weeks, AMHA will release details on additional player development opportunities that will be made available through the season. Again in 2021-22, AMHA has partnered with Shield Goaltending (Marek Benda) to offer goaltender development sessions and registration details will be released in the coming days.

2. OUR COVID-19 COMMENTS

Clearly, the 2020-21 minor hockey season in Canada was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AMHA and all other minor hockey associations in NL were very fortunate to play a full season of hockey. AMHA proudly recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Board members and staff who were diligent in communicating and implementing Public Health guidelines all season.

For the 2021-22 season, we are proceeding on the guidance of Hockey Canada and Hockey NL to operate a 'Normal' season in terms of ice time slots and full, 3 line rosters. AMHA is committed to operating our programs in a healthy and safe environment and will follow all Public Health guidelines for on-ice programs. Likewise, as rink owner, we will follow all Public Health guidelines and recommendations to ensure a safe and healthy environment in our facility. As we get closer to opening day, we will be communicating any COVID-19 information and guidelines via our News Section and signage at the rink.

3. RECREATIONAL HOCKEY - DIVISIONS & SEASON STRUCTURE

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AMHA's 2021-22 recreational divisions and season structure will resemble our prior 'Normal' years. We will publish final season structure once registration is substantially complete near the end of September. We anticipate starting our regular season on the weekend of October 16-17. Players in the U9, U11, U15, & U18 recreational programs will receive 42-45 hours of on-ice programming during the season with a mix of practices and games (U18 division games only). Players in Learn to Play Program will receive a 30 minute on-ice session for 22 weeks.

At time of writing, details and structure on Interlocking recreational leagues are not final. We will share these updates once league structure is determined.

Information below re: groups and season structure is projected and subject to change based on final registration numbers.

	<i>Learn To Play (2015-2016 NO PRIOR HOCKEY)</i>	<i>U9 (2013-2014) & 2015 WITH PRIOR HOCKEY EXPERIENCE)</i>	<i>U11 (2011-2012)</i>	<i>U13 (2009-2010)</i>	<i>U15 (2007-2008)</i>	<i>U18 (2004-2006)</i>
Minimum Program Duration (Season)	21 Weeks	42-45 Hours	42-45 Hours	42-45 Hours	42-45 Hours	42-45 Hours
Projected Day / Time Ranges	Saturdays (1-1:30 PM)	Saturdays (10 AM - 1 PM)	Saturdays (1:30-3:30 PM) & Sundays (12-2 PM)	Saturdays (2:30-5:30 PM) & Sundays (2 - 5 PM)	Saturdays (3:30-5:30 PM) & Sundays (3 - 6 PM)	2 Games per week from these times: Sundays 5 PM, Mondays 8 PM, Tuesdays 7 PM, Wednesdays 8:30 PM
Notes	First time players, little or no hockey / skating experience	2 session per week - practices & games	2 sessions per week - practices & games	2 sessions per week - practices & games	2 sessions per week - practices & games	2 Team Games each week
Registration	\$325	\$570	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$620

4. COMPETITIVE HOCKEY - LEAGUES & TRY OUTS

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We get it... navigating various levels of hockey in Metro St. John's can be confusing and intimidating at times! In this section, we provide an overview of the competitive leagues and divisions applicable to AMHA players.

AAA: U13, U15, & U18

Major U18 AAA teams operating in the Eastern Zone are the Pinnacle Growlers and East Coast Blizzard and eligibility is based on a player draft system. Hockey NL's Eastern Zone also has teams in U13 AAA, U15 AAA, and U18 Minor AAA provincial leagues. Avalon players are eligible to try out for AAA teams in the St. John's division - ie. St. John's Hitmen and Eastern Ice Breakers Female. Players and families interested in AAA hockey should follow the respective websites and social media feeds of the teams to ensure you get timely details on registration, tryouts and schedules.

[NL Major U18](#)

[NL U13, U15, U18 AAA](#)

[NL Female Hockey](#)

Don Johnson Hockey League (DJHL)

The DJHL offers the following competitive league opportunities;

- Pooled (U13 & U15 AA)
- Association (U11, U13, & U15 A)
- Female Pooled (U13 A)

Participating Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) are in Hockey NL's Eastern Zone: Avalon, Bell Island, Conception Bay Regional, Goulds, Mount Pearl, Northeast, Paradise, St. John's Caps, and Southern Shore.

Pooled AA Leagues: DJHL offers co-ed pooled leagues in U13 AA and U15 AA with eligible players registering from the MHAs listed above. U13 AA and U15 AA leagues will consist of 5 teams in 2021-22 season. Following a multi-step tryout process, successful players are drafted to teams and play an exclusive, full season with their pooled team and cannot play with another minor hockey team. Players not selected are released and eligible to try out for their respective Association U13 & U15 A teams. Players interested in DJHL Pooled AA leagues should follow the DJHL web site (www.DJHL.ca), [DJHL 2021-22 Tryout Bulletin Board](#), and social media feeds for the most up-to-date and accurate information.

Association A League: DJHL organizes Association based leagues in U11 A, U13 A, and U15 A. Tryouts for these leagues are managed by each member Association. Avalon coordinates with DJHL to ensure registration and tryout dates are aligned to accommodate players released from Pooled AA wishing to try out for our U13A & U15A teams. **The projected date range for AMHA A Team tryouts will be October 4-15 and all future tryout information will be posted in our News Section and Tryout Bulletins. If your player intends to tryout for an AMHA A team, please remember to add the 'Try Out Fee' when registering.**

Female Pooled A League: A new DJHL league has been added for the 2021-22 season - Pooled Female U13 A! DJHL, in cooperation with Hockey NL's Female Council, is launching the province's first Pooled Female minor hockey league. The DJHL Female U13 A League will host a minimum of 4 teams 10 players + 2 goalies) and get 4 hours of ice time per week. All current information is posted on the [DJHL Female League](#) page. **Registration deadline is Tuesday August 31 2021.**

5. REGISTRATION - TEAMSAP APP

AMHA's registration and team communication is run through TeamSnap. TeamSnap can be accessed via PC at go.teamsnap.com or mobile app - download TeamSnap app in Apple or Google Play stores.

We recommend using a laptop / pc for the below online registration steps. Once you have successfully registered your player(s) in TeamSnap, we recommend switching to the mobile app for regular use through the season. Nothing is required from you once registered, AMHA will add your player to a roster prior to season start and the team will automatically appear in the mobile app. TeamSnap has some excellent communication tools in the app making it easy to communicate with coaches and other families on your team.

6. REGISTRATION - RETURNING AMHA PLAYERS + ADDING A SIBLING

If you successfully registered your player in TeamSnap in a prior year, we consider you a 'Returning Player'. Registration process will be streamlined as your existing information is retained in the TeamSnap profile.

To register as a returning player, please click this link;

[AMHA 2021-22 Online Registration Forms](#)

At this page, you need to sign in using username (email address) and TeamSnap password. Previously registered players will be displayed and you can select players to register by highlighting name and clicking 'Register Participant'. Forgotten passwords can be retrieved via this same page. Once in the TeamSnap database, proceed through the registration and payment screens for your player(s).

Adding a New player in your family? If you have previously registered a child with AMHA and are adding a new player in your family, please email Steve Power, info@avalonceltics.com, for assistance as we will need to manually generate a new Hockey Canada ID # prior to registering a new player. You do not need to complete the Respect In Sport Course again.

7. REGISTRATION - NEW AMHA PLAYERS

Respect in Sport Certificate & Hockey Canada ID

If your child has never been registered with a Hockey Canada sanctioned Association, your first step is to visit the [Respect In Sport Parent](#) course page, register as a new user, and complete the course. Your child will be assigned a unique Hockey Canada Registry ID.

If your player was previously registered with another Hockey Canada sanctioned club and you are planning to register with AMHA this season, please notify our Technical Director, Steve Power, info@avalonceltics.com, for assistance prior to attempting to register.

TeamSnap Account set up

As a new AMHA player, and if you do not already have a TeamSnap account, please complete the following steps;

- Create a free TeamSnap account ([Link](#))
- Record your player's new Hockey Canada ID from Respect in Sport system (see above)
- Open [AMHA 2021-22 Registration Form](#) and choose 'Log In'
- Proceed through the registration steps and complete the form. Please ensure you have your Respect In Sport certificate # and HCR ID on hand.

NOTE: If you have been using the TeamSnap app for other sports teams, please do not create a new account. Simply sign in with existing username and password, link to [AMHA 2021-22 Registration Form](#) and your AMHA information will appear in your account along with any other existing teams.

8. REGISTRATION TIMING & PAYMENTS

AMHA encourages all families to register players online as soon as possible after August 30 2021 at Noon.

As always, planning for our season relies on early and accurate registration numbers, so the sooner we have your registration the easier it is for us to plan our divisions and teams. **We ask all families to register prior to Friday, October 1 2021. Registration received after this date will be accepted on a best - efforts basis and will be subject to space availability in our divisions.**

TeamSnap provides a simple and convenient feature enabling the user to select payment in full up front or spread over 4 equal payments. This is an option within the registration form that parents can select at the time of registration.

For parents wishing to pay with cash or cheque, we will accommodate this and request that you contact Steve Power, info@avalonceltics.com, and arrange a time to meet in the rink office.

9. TEAMSAP - ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Our experience to date with TeamSnap has been very positive. The mobile app delivers superior team communication and is convenient and user friendly. If you are new to AMHA or TeamSnap, we encourage you to use the app and experiment with all the features.

If you are experiencing issues with the system, please contact Steve Power, info@avalonceltics.com, for assistance. Please include the following information when communicating with us;

- Player full name
- Respect in Sport account username and password
- Parent name(s)
- Hockey Canada Registry ID (if known)

SEE YOU AT THE RINK FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!!