



AMHA 2022-23 Registration Guide Document

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The Avalon Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) welcomes all players and families back to the 2022-23 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 recent [August 26 News Post](#), AMHA has partnered with Growlers Academy and will co-host a skills Camp commencing on Saturday September 17 and run for 3 weeks. Growlers Academy staff, led by AMHA Alumnus Jeremy Kavanagh, will deliver instruction in U9, U11, U13, and U15 divisions. Each group will have a capacity of 30 skaters and 4 goalies.

Participants in U9, U11, U13, and U15 groups will receive 6 hours of on-ice instruction (2 hours per week over 3 weeks) at a cost of \$150 (jersey included). 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 Pooled leagues (U13 AAA / U15 AA / Female) who have not yet registered for AMHA, but also want to register for Growlers Academy, should complete the online registration in TeamSnap under the registration category identified.

In the coming weeks, AMHA will release details on additional player development opportunities that will be made available through the season. AMHA will offer a Goaltending Development Program and registration details will be released in the coming days.

2. OUR COVID-19 COMMENTS

As everyone knows, all aspects of our lives were impacted by the pandemic and the past 3 hockey seasons were not immune.

AMHA and all other minor hockey associations in NL were very fortunate to play as much hockey as we did over the past 3 seasons. While we anticipate 2022-23 will be typical season with no interruptions or COVID-19 impact, AMHA advises members we will alter programming in response to any and all public health advisories and guidelines.

As in past seasons, AMHA is committed to operating our programs in a healthy and safe environment and will continue to follow all applicable Public Health guidelines for on-ice programs. Likewise, as rink owner, we will implement all Public Health guidelines and recommendations to ensure a safe and healthy environment in our facility.

3. RECREATIONAL HOCKEY - DIVISIONS & SEASON STRUCTURE

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AMHA's 2022-23 recreational divisions and season structure will resemble the 2021-22 season for most divisions. We will publish final season structure once registration is substantially complete after September 30. We anticipate starting our regular season on the weekend of October 8-9. Players in the U9, U11, U13, and U15 recreational programs will receive an estimated 46-48 hours of on-ice programming during the season with a mix of practices and games. U18 division will receive similar number of hours with games only. Players in U7 (a.k.a. 'Learn to Play') will receive a 30 minute on-ice session for minimum of 21 weeks.

At time of writing, details and structure of IHL (Interlocking House League) is not final. We will share these updates once league structure is determined. Please note there are active discussions ongoing within the Eastern Zone Associations re: U18 IHL divisions. AMHA will confirm status prior to close of registration.

Information below re: groups and season structure is projected and subject to change based on final registration numbers. Female hockey structure details shared in member email on August 31.

	<u>U7</u> <i>Birth Years 2016-2017</i>	<u>U9</u> <i>Birth Years 2014-2015 (2016 w Hockey Experience)</i>	<u>U11</u> <i>Birth Years 2012-2013</i>	<u>U13</u> <i>Birth Years 2010-2011</i>	<u>U15</u> <i>Birth Years 2008-2009</i>	<u>U18</u> <i>Birth Years 2005-2007</i>
Season Duration	21 Weeks	46-48 Hours	46-48 Hours	46-48 Hours	46-48 Hours	46-48 Hours
Projected Day / Time Ranges (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	30 Min Practice Saturdays 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	1 Hour Practice: Saturdays 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM 1 Hour Game: Sundays 9 AM - 11 AM	1 Hour Practice: Saturdays 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM 1 Hr Home Game: Sundays 12 PM - 2 PM Away Games - Sundays AM or PM	1 Hour Practice: Saturdays 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM 1 Hr Hour Game: Sundays 2 PM - 4 PM Away Games - Sundays AM or PM	1 Hour Practice: Saturdays 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM 1 Hr Hour Game: Sundays 4 PM - 5 PM Away Games - Sundays AM or PM	2 Games per week: Weeknight evenings for home games. Second / Away games subject to pending U18 IHL League status
Notes	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 - LEAGUE STRUCTURE & 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 (3 teams, draft based selection) and U15 AAA (2 teams, draft based selection) provincial leagues.

In 2021-22, HNL also offered a provincial league for Minor U18 AAA. At time of publishing this guide, status for Minor U18 AAA was not determined. Players and families interested in AAA hockey should follow the respective websites and social media feeds of DJHL, HNL, and individual teams to ensure you get timely details on registration, tryouts and schedules. 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.

[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 Minor (U15 AA)
- Association Minor A / B (U11, U13, & U15)
- Female Pooled (U13 AA & U15 AA)

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 Minor AA League: For 2022-23, DJHL offers a pooled league in Minor U15 AA with eligible players registering from the MHAs listed above. The league will consist of 4 teams in 2022-23 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 U15 A/B teams. Players interested in DJHL Pooled AA leagues should follow the DJHL web site (www.DJHL.ca), [DJHL 2022-23 Tryout Bulletin Board](#), and social media feeds for the most up-to-date and accurate information.

Association A / B Leagues: DJHL organizes Association based leagues in U11, U13, and U15. 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 league tryouts wishing to try out for our U13A & U15A teams. **The projected date range for AMHA A Team tryouts will be September 18 through October 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 AA Leagues: Building on the success of the inaugural season of U13 AA Pooled Female hockey, the offering is being expanded to include a new 4 team U15 AA league for the 2022-23 season. The

DJHL Female Pooled Leagues will host 4 teams (10 players + 2 goalies) and get 4 hours of ice time per week (U13 AA) or 2 hours per week (U15AA). U15 AA players are also required to register and play with their home Association Female division. All current information is posted on the [DJHL League Info](#) page.

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 2022-23 Registration Form](#)

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 Justin Clark, jclark@avaloncelticcs.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 Executive Director, Justin Clark, jclark@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 2022-23 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 2022-23 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 September 1 2022 at 7 PM.

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, September 30 2022. 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 Executive Director, Justin Clark, jclark@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 Executive Director, Justin Clark, jclark@avalonceltics.com for assistance. Please include the following information when communicating with us;

-Player full name

-Parent name(s)

-Respect in Sport account username and password

-Hockey Canada Registry ID (if known)

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