



AMHA 2023-24 Registration Guide

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The Avalon Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) welcomes all new and returning families to the 2023-24 season! Your Board and staff have been working diligently on some tweaks to our programs and schedule for the season. As well, we have completed several summer maintenance projects in the rink and are ready to drop a new sheet of ice for an exciting winter season! This document provides registration guidance for new and returning players. **We encourage everyone to review this document and relevant sections prior to commencing registration or contacting staff with questions.**

1. AVALON CELTICS PRE-SEASON CAMP & DEVELOPMENT

- AMHA is pleased to offer a 4 hour Pre-Season Camp at DF Barnes Arena for all Divisions during the September 15-23 date range
- Cost per player: \$100
- We expect to fill 1 section for U9 and 2 sections in all other Divisions (U11, U13, & U15)
- All sessions coordinated by AMHA Technical Director, Shawn Newhook, with support from AMHA and other certified coaches
- In accordance with changes to Hockey Canada Pathways, we are offering the mandatory minimum 4 hours of unevaluated sessions in advance of any tryout sessions for competitive Divisions
- We strongly encourage all players interested in All - Star / Competitive hockey or MCHL / Recreational hockey to attend our Camp and kick off another great season!
- **Players involved in the tryout process for DJHL Pooled leagues (U13 AAA / U15 AA / Female) are welcome to attend our Pre-Season Camp and should contact JClark@AvalonCeltics.com to register**
- Once AMHA registration is substantially complete, we will release details on additional player development opportunities
- AMHA plans to again offer a Goaltending Development Program and other programs subject to demand

2. RECREATIONAL HOCKEY - DIVISIONS & SEASON STRUCTURE

Contact: Justin Clark, Executive Director, jclark@avalonceltics.com

- AMHA anticipates regular season start on the weekend of October 7-8 2023
- AMHA's 2023-24 recreational Divisions and season structure will resemble 2022-23 season for most Divisions
- New for 2023-24, U7 Division will consist of a 1 hour session weekly for minimum of 21 weeks (**Note: we have responded to member / parent feedback and moved our U7 program to a 1 hour session starting this season**)
- U9 Division will consist of a 1 hour practice on Saturday AM and a Sunday AM Skills Session or Game

- U9, U11, U13, and U15 recreational Divisions will consist of a projected 46 hours (plus a year end MCHL tournament) of programming with an equal mix of practices and games
- U18 Division will receive similar number of hours with game sessions only
- AMHA is pleased to support the re-branded recreational league, MCHL (Metro Club Hockey League), and will place our teams in U11, U13, U15, and U18 Divisions
- MCHL teams will practice for 1 hour on Saturdays at DF Barnes Arena and play a 1 hour League game on Sundays, alternating Home (at DF Barnes Arena) and Away each week
- MCHL will be organized via a new website (www.MCHL.ca) and all rostered players and families will have access to TeamSnap mobile app for scheduling and team communication

Summary table below is projected and subject to change based on final registration numbers. AMHA is developing details for U11 / U13 Female Program and will share details in this document in a future release.

	<u>U7</u> <i>Birth Years 2017-2018</i>	<u>U9</u> <i>Birth Years 2015-2016 (2017 w Hockey Experience)</i>	<u>U11</u> <i>Birth Years 2013-2014</i>	<u>U13</u> <i>Birth Years 2011-2012</i>	<u>U15</u> <i>Birth Years 2009-2010</i>	<u>U18</u> <i>Birth Years 2006-2008</i>
Season Duration	Projected 21 Hours	Projected 46 Hours	Projected 46 Hours	Projected 46 Hours	Projected 46 Hours	Projected 46 Hours
PRACTICE SESSION PROJECTED DAY / TIME RANGE	Saturday (1 hour): 10 AM - 1 PM)	Saturday: 9AM -12 PM	Saturday: 12 - 4 PM	Saturday: 12 - 4 PM	Saturday: 1 - 5 PM	-
GAMES PROJECTED DAY / TIME RANGE	-	Skill Session / Game: Sunday: 8 AM - 12 PM	Home Game: Sunday: 11 AM - 5 PM Away Game: Sunday AM or PM	Home Game: Sunday: 11 AM - 5 PM Away Game: Sunday AM or PM	Home Game: Sunday: 11 AM - 5 PM Away Game: Sunday AM or PM	2 Games per week: Weeknight evenings for home games. Away games subject to pending U18 MCHL Schedule
Season Registration Fee*	\$360	\$630	\$680	\$680	\$680	\$680

***Note: AMHA registration fees can be paid up front or spread over 4 equal monthly payments - choice made during TeamSnap registration**

3. COMPETITIVE HOCKEY - LEAGUE STRUCTURE & TRYOUTS

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Justin Clark, Executive Director, jclark@avalonceltics.com**

As a member of the Hockey NL Eastern Zone (Avalon, Bell Island, Conception Bay Regional, Goulds, Mount Pearl, Northeast, Paradise, St. John's Caps, & Southern Shore.), AMHA players are eligible to play in various competitive leagues. The below section provides an overview, please reach out to respective leagues directly for more detailed information.

AAA: U13, U15, U18, & Female

- 3 teams in U13 AAA (draft based selection) and 2 teams in U15 AAA (draft based selection) playing in provincial leagues (www.nlaaahl.ca)
- Eastern Zone offers U13 AAA & U15 AAA Female hockey programs ([NL Female Hockey](#))
- 2 U18 AAA teams: Pinnacle Growlers and East Coast Blizzard - eligibility is based on a player draft system (www.nlu18mhl.ca)

Don Johnson Hockey League - DJHL (www.DJHL.ca)

- DJHL offers 'Pooled' Divisions in Minor U15 AA and Female U13AA / U15AA (Association players try out and drafted to teams)
- Players released from Pooled tryouts are then eligible to try out for All - Star Division (players play on Association teams):
 - U11
 - U13
 - U15
- Tryouts for All-Star Divisions 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 U11, U13, & U15 competitive teams
- **The projected date range for AMHA competitive team tryouts will be in the approximate date range of September 25 through October 10 and all future tryout information will be posted in our News Section and Tryout Bulletins**
- **If your player intends to tryout for an AMHA competitive team, please remember to add the 'Try Out Fee' (\$100) when registering**

4. REGISTRATION - TEAMSAP APP

- AMHA's registration and team communication is managed via TeamSnap mobile app and website
- 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
- Prior to the start of League play, AMHA will add your player to a roster and the team will automatically appear in the mobile app
- TeamSnap app features excellent tools for easy communication with coaches and other families on your team

5. 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
- **After 5:00 PM on August 22, registration will be live at this link: [2023-24 Registration Form](#)**
- 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@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.***

6. REGISTRATION - NEW PLAYERS

- **Step 1: 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 required to register and play
 - Record your new HCR ID and Resepct In Sport Certificate # for registration Step 2 (below)
 - 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

- **Step 2: TeamSnap account set up & Registration**
 - As a new AMHA player, and if you do not already have a TeamSnap account, after 5:00 PM on August 22 2023, open [2023-24 Registration Form](#) and near the top of the form fields click the **'Sign Up'** link and create your free account (we recommend using primary parent email address here)
 - You will need your player's new Hockey Canada ID, Respect In Sport Certificate # (Step 1 above), and health card / MCP # to add to the form
 - Proceed through the registration steps and complete the form and payments

- **Existing TeamSnap account from another sport or team?**
 - 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 [2023-24 Registration Form](#) and your AMHA information will appear in your account along with any other existing teams

7. REGISTRATION TIMING & PAYMENTS

- AMHA encourages all families to register players online as soon as possible after August 22 2023 when registration opens
- 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 deadline - Friday, September 29 2023***
- ***Players registering for AMHA All Star Divisions (U11, U13, U15), please note that tryouts will start prior to September 29 and interested players must register and pay tryout fee by September 18 2023***
- ***Registration received after this date may 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 option is at final stage of form and 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

8. TEAMSNAAP - ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Our experience with TeamSnap over the past 4 seasons 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)

SEE YOU AT DF BARNES ARENA SOON FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!!

