

AMHA NON-RESIDENT PLAYER (NRP) POLICY

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AMHA NRP POLICY - BACKGROUND

- What is an NRP?
 - Any player that does not reside within the Aurora residency boundaries defined by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.
 - Must come from a neighbouring centre that does not have AA level hockey.
 - Only permitted for Minor Peewee to Midget.
- How many NRP's are permitted per team?
 - Maximum 3 including goalies.
- Does Aurora allow NRP's to tryout/play for AA teams?
 - Yes ... Aurora is an "Open Centre".
 - NRP's are welcome to tryout and be rostered (if chosen) in accordance with OMHA Rules and Regulations.
 - NRP's are permitted to tryout but Coaches are under no obligation to offer a roster spot.
- Current Policy
 - No written policy.
 - Current Practice is: NRP player must be ranked top goalie, in the top 2 defencemen, in the top 3 forwards to be considered for team.
 - Head Coach of each team provides tryout evaluation and decides on offering NRP's roster spots with minimal oversight by AMHA.

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- **Why is a Policy Needed?**

- Development of resident players is paramount and should be prioritized over selection of NRP's.
- A level players who reside in Aurora should be given priority and opportunity to move up to AA "promote from within" policy.
- If current resident players are frustrated that short term (NRP) players are given positions, over time interest at older age levels is likely to diminish.
- Over time base skill level at AA would improve as resident players are given more opportunities.
- NRP's have had a history of playing for short periods of time and either move up (AAA) move on or return to their home centres.
- NRP's have little connection/allegiance to Aurora.
- AMHA should not be in the business of developing players from other centres.
- There is an obligation to allow tryout but no obligation to offer positions.
- Potential for Head Coaches to recruit players.
- A number of other associations have formal policies.

- **Example**

- *Barrie - 'Non Resident Players' trying out for a team must be at the skill level of the top 3 players in order to be considered for a position on the team.*
- If a new player of Rep. caliber moves into residence after the Rep. Team selections, he/she will have to register with AMHA and will be rostered to his age appropriate team at the House League level. The player can be affiliated as per OMHA regulations but the coaches as well as the player and parents will have to comply with AMHA affiliation rules.

AMHA NRP POLICY – DRAFT POLICY STATEMENTS

- The AMHA acknowledges and supports the OMHA NRP's Rules and Regulations.
- The AMHA acknowledges that Aurora is an "Open Centre" as it relates to NRP's and therefore allows NRP's, as defined by the OMHA, to tryout for and be rostered on (if chosen) AA teams from Minor Peewee to Midget.
- The AMHA actively supports and prioritizes the development of those players that live within the Aurora residency area as defined by the OMHA.
- Selection of NRP players will only be authorized under exceptional circumstances and the AMHA will give priority selection to players living within the Aurora residency area for its AA teams from Minor Peewee to Midget.
- To be selected an NRP player must be of exceptional skill as determined by the AMHA. More specifically, *Non Resident Players' trying out for a team must be at the skill level of the top 3 players (including goalies) in order to be considered for a position on the team.*
- *The skill level and rating of an NRP player will be determined through input from the Head Coach of the applicable AA team, the AMHA Head Coach and AMHA VP of Rep. responsible for AA. The final decision on selection is to be authorized by the President of the AMHA.*

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- In no instance can more than 1 NRP be selected at each position (Goalie, Forward, Defence).
- There is “zero tolerance” for actively recruiting NRP’s as it is contrary to the intent of developing those players living within Aurora. Any Coach found to be actively recruiting Non-Resident Players will be removed from their Head Coach position at the discretion of the AMHA.
- At the Midget AA level the AMHA will give additional consideration regarding the selection of NRP players if a full team cannot be formed with resident players.
- All NRP’s wishing to tryout for an AMHA AA team will be required to pay the full tryout fee as determined by the AMHA.
- NRP’s will be not be guaranteed a minimum number of tryouts.