



Unionville Minor Hockey Association Incorporated

Select League Program

Appendix 2 of UMHA Regulations

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1. Introduction

1. The Unionville Minor Hockey Association Select Hockey League program is known as the Unionville Jets.
2. This program is an integral part of the House League. Players on Select Teams must actively participate in the House League.
3. Select League Teams are managed independently under the auspices of the Unionville Minor Hockey Association. However, all coaches report to the Director, Select League and all players, parents and team officials must adhere to all UMHA By-Laws and Regulations and any amendments or rules incorporated from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
4. The Select League is open to all players registered in the UMHA House League program. Consideration will be given to players registered in the MMHA House League program, as appropriate.
5. The UMHA Select League shall annually affiliate with such other leagues as is deemed wise and as decided by the Board of Directors under the guidelines of the OMHA.

2. Purpose of the Select Hockey Program

1. The main purpose of this program is to afford players of a more advanced skill level the opportunity to compete in league play that is more competitive than the House League program. Secondly, the program is a development program for those players that have the potential to play representational hockey.
2. Competition, however, is only one vehicle to develop players and is not the overriding objective of the Select League. The overall spirit of the

organization is to promote an environment of fair play, respect and enjoyment for players and parents.

3. Official Colours and Crest

1. All Unionville Select teams will wear UMHA approved uniforms to all competitions.
2. The uniforms will have red, white and blue colours and will bear a crest as approved by the Board of Directors.

4. Fees

1. Fees will be assessed by the Director, Select League.
2. Each Select Team fee assessment will be based on ice time allocated to the team for practices, regular and all playoff games, uniform costs, league registrations, insurance costs, and other costs related to providing the UMHA Select League Program.
3. Fees will be paid in at minimum two installments. The first installment will be due by November 15th; the final installment will be due by February 28th of each year.
4. The Coach and/or Manager will consult with team parents to determine how team funds will be raised.
5. Teams must generate a proposed budget and must share financial information with parents to ensure that all participants are informed.
6. At the end of the Select League season, any remaining funds after all UMHA assessments are paid, must be divided equally (or pro-rated for Alternate Players) among each team member. Teams must not "carry over" funds from year to year.

5. Team Officials

1. Invitations for Coach Application Forms or Letters of Interest will be advertised by methods deemed appropriate by the UMHA Board of Directors starting in May of each year.
2. The Board of Directors, or a sub-committee thereof led by the Director, Select League Program, shall, after due consideration and an interview, appoint the Head Select coach for each team. All decisions are final.
3. Coaches will be given the UMHA Select League Regulations and Coaching Responsibilities (Section 12 below) which embody UMHA's Select League philosophy.
4. Coaches will be given a list of Player and Parent Responsibilities; these are included in Section 13 below. The Coach will provide these to the Parents and Players.

5. Each team shall have a head coach, at least one assistant coach (2 are recommended) and a trainer. At a minimum, there must be a Coach and a Trainer.
6. All team officials will be certified according to OMHA guidelines for the year that they are volunteering.
7. The head coach must have Level 1 OMHA coaching certificate by the start of the regular season.
8. All coaching staff must be screened by the York Region Police; it is the responsibility of each member of the coaching staff to initiate and pay for this process.
9. A certified trainer is required for each Select Team; a trainer may also serve in a coaching capacity.
10. All team officials must attend the Prevention Services Clinic and have a valid PRS number. At least one member of the coaching staff for Atom and below must have a CHIP certificate.
11. The costs incurred in certification of coaching staff members are either borne by each individual or may be included in the team's budget.
12. Coaching positions are filled for one year only.
13. It is recommended that each team have a Manager.
14. All team officials must wear helmets during practices. Any team assistant under the age of 16 must wear a helmet while working behind the bench.
15. The power is vested in the Board of Directors at all times to effect the removal of a coach or manager for just cause, including, but not limited to, not adhering to all UMHA Bylaws, Regulations and Rules or the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

6. Try-Outs / Team Selection

1. The Board of Directors will hold try-outs prior to the start of each Select season for each applicable age group, as designated by the UMHA and as deemed appropriate. Try-outs are generally held in September.
2. All registered UMHA players may participate in try-outs for a team in their own age group.
3. Coaches are encouraged to invite players to the preliminary tryouts.
4. It is recommended that a maximum of 12 players be signed during the preliminary tryouts; remaining player selection shall be finalized closer to the OMHA roster deadlines. This recommendation gives the coach an opportunity to assess skill levels in house league game and practice situations.
5. Coaches must select their teams by October 31st, to within 2 or 3 players per team.

7. Select Team Composition

1. Each Select Team must roster 15 skaters and 2 goalies. The UMHA encourages all Select Teams to carry a roster of 19 players, which may include alternate and reserve players.
2. There will be no player cuts. Once a player has made the team (regular or alternate) they will not be cut, notwithstanding extraordinary circumstances and only by approval from the UMHA Executive.
3. Alternate Players: Coaches may elect to carry ALTERNATE PLAYERS on the team. All alternates must be invited to attend all practices, any other team events and receive any team related equipment. Alternates may be invited to games as required by the Coach. In the event of absence or illness, alternates must be used in place of the absent player(s). It is expected that any alternates will receive equal playing time at games attended. Alternates will pay half of a regular player assessment.
4. Reserve Players: Select teams may designate RESERVE PLAYERS (including goaltenders). Reserve Players may participate in games only in emergency situations when a team is short of players due to illness or injury and only after any Alternate Players have been offered the opportunity to play. Reserve Players shall participate in team practices when called upon to do so by the Coach. Reserve Players must be listed on the Team Roster. Reserves are not required to pay any assessment fees.
5. Should a Select Team carry only one goalkeeper, a spare may be designated from the House League for emergency purposes only. House League play must not be affected. The Select Team may invite this player to practices or games. Recognizing the importance of developing goaltenders, all teams are encouraged to carry two goaltenders.
6. If the minor and major divisions are combined to form one team, a minimum of 1/3 of the players shall be from the minor division age. This supports the development of players.

8. Game Schedule

1. Select League games will not be scheduled to conflict with either House League or Tony Roman Memorial Tournament games.
2. House League games will take precedence over the Select program.

9. Player Development

1. Select hockey is developmental, in that players are expected to improve their skills through better coaching, additional practice and ice time.
2. Players should be afforded equal playing time in games. The only exceptions would be in situations involving power plays or penalty killing or in the last three minutes of a close game. However, coaches should note that players need to be involved in critical game situations in order to develop.

10. Player Withdrawals

1. A parent/guardian may withdraw a child from his or her Select Team, as deemed appropriate or necessary by the parent/guardian.
2. Refunds will be pro-rated and must be offered by the Team to the parent/guardian until January 31st. If a child is withdrawn after January 31st, refunds will not be given.

11. Playing Rules

1. Select Teams will abide by the playing rules, schedules and regulations of the OMHA and the Select League to which they are affiliated.

12. Annual Survey

1. Each year the Director, Select League will provide copies of the Select Program Survey to each Coach. The Coach will ensure that these are provided to a parent of each team player.
2. The Survey will be reviewed from time to time to ensure that it complies with changes to the philosophy or the rules of the UMHA and the OMHA.

13. Coach Responsibilities / Coaching Tips

1. Communicate clearly and often with your players and parents.
2. Ask questions and be considerate of your players and parents.
3. Establish and monitor goals for your players. Recognize the players when they achieve those goals.
4. Be a good role model. Show respect for the referees.
5. Develop leadership skills in the players.
6. Interact with the parents and request feedback. Be available and encourage involvement. Explain your philosophy and goals.
7. Apply the 24-hour rule when tempers flare up and work to resolve issues when everyone cools down.
8. Help maximize player potential by working on individual skills and by giving equal ice time.
9. Be sensitive to the issue of harassment and make sure no player is alone with any member of the coaching staff.
10. Be clear and communicate your expectations regarding punctuality, practices, player conduct, parental communications, dressing room conduct etc.
11. Remind players of their importance to the team and the community they represent.
12. Be positive.

13. Your ice time is your ice time. If a game is cancelled, use the ice for a practice. You may organize to sell your allotted time but ONLY to a Markham-based non-profit minor hockey association.
14. Sign the Coaches' Code of Ethics and follow it to the best of your abilities.

14. Select League Parent / Player Responsibilities

Players and parents also have roles and responsibilities to the team. The following is a list of some of those responsibilities; this list is not inclusive.

1. Attend all games and practices.
2. Be respectful of opposing teams, other parents, your team's coaching staff, referees and arena personnel.
3. Meet the financial commitment as expected by the team.
4. Attempt to resolve issues in a mature and responsible fashion.
5. If issues cannot be resolved within the team, notify the UMHA Executive in writing as soon as possible.
6. Follow the rules as set out by the UMHA and OMHA.
7. Conduct yourself in a mature and responsible fashion in the arenas and at all team events.
8. Remember that this is not the NHL and the objective is for the players to have fun while developing hockey skills.