



Thorold Amateur Athletic Association

ROSTER SELECT POLICY

MISSION OF ROSTER SELECT IS AS FOLLOWS:

“To promote, encourage and further develop player ability by increased ice time and skill development in practice, exhibition game and tournament conditions while playing organized House/Local League hockey.”

1. INTRODUCTION

The TAAA recognizes, on occasion, players and parents may wish to form an additional team for the purposes of enriching their hockey experience and providing an opportunity for further skill development and/or hockey experience beyond the traditional House or Local League programming.

These teams will be formed according to the OMHA regulations regarding Rostered Select Teams which can be found in the OMHA Manual of Operations section 4.4. (or any different section number of that Manual in future years). Select teams shall be registered with the OMHA on approved rosters and shall be operated in strict accordance with OMHA regulations, TAAA constitution, by-laws and all policies of the TAAA. Additionally, Roster Select teams will be subject to their own policies based on the fact that this is an “extra” opportunity for hockey, not the primary team of play, and outlined within this document.

The TAAA Board retains all rights to deny an application for a Roster Select team at any age group based on a number of factors, including but not limited to, a lack of ice, the cost, the appropriateness of program for a certain age, perceived favoritism, availability of volunteers etc.

2. GUIDELINES

ROSTER SELECT TEAM POLICY:

Application to form a Rostered Select Team must be submitted via the request form on the TAAA Website in any given season and decisions regarding approval of the team will be made at the following board meeting. (Note: a team cannot be formed after November 25th of that year due to OMHA team formation Deadline) Upon request all other coaches will be notified to advise of the request. If there is more than one coach interested in this position a meeting will take place between the coaches to. **No action shall be taken by any TAAA member to organize a select team prior to the formation of local/house league teams.** Only one Roster Select Team per division will be approved in any one season. Applications must

include a certified coach and trainer to be considered. It should be understood that participation on a Roster Select Team is in addition to the regular local/house league game and practice schedule and will therefore incur additional cost to the player. There is no obligation of TAAA to provide ice time or game officials to the Roster Select Team at no charge.

A coach must provide in advance an estimate of the team budget to properly inform potential participants of financial expectations as well as additional time commitment required.

Select Team Rosters must be submitted to the TAAA Registrar for approval prior to participation in any practices, exhibition games or tournaments by the OMHA mandated deadline each season. Tournament entry will require the approved roster to be provided upon application for admission therefore it may also be difficult to enter tournaments until the approved roster has been forwarded to the team.

REGULATIONS:

OMHA residency regulations apply to Roster Select Teams. It should be noted that participation on a Roster Select Team is not considered an OMHA affiliation and therefore does not preclude participation on AP rosters of representative or local league teams within our association. A player may play on a Roster Select Team provided all local/house league team commitments are met first and foremost. If a player misses their or local/house league activity earlier in the day or "the next morning", they are not eligible to participate for the Roster Select Team, which they are affiliated with later that day. Any breach of this policy may also result in the player being removed from the Roster Select Team subject to review per incident. The TAAA will also immediately notify the OMHA/NDLL of the infraction and the offending person will then be subject to the disciplinary process of those entities.

In order to be considered OMHA sanctioned events, to ensure insurance coverage for participants, requests for participation in practices, exhibition games, sanctioned tournaments or other events must be submitted to the Ice scheduler in writing. Travel permits must be submitted for Game and tournaments. Once submitted approval must be obtained for proposed dates of games and tournaments.

a/ Please fill out Travel Permit Request found on our website.

b/ additional insurance can be obtained from OMHA for other arena facilities upon request to treasurer@thoroldminorhockey.com . Min. 14 days prior to event

c/ you must make sure your ice time/ off-ice time etc is insured for the protection of all participants.

Any breach of this policy may result in the Roster Select Team's suspension from further events.

Select Teams;

Will **NOT** be allowed to Black Out (on TAAA Schedule) Tournaments only be allowed during OMHA Scheduled Breaks or after Season

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- All Roster Select teams are currently restricted to including only players who are residentially eligible to play as per OMHA regulations.
- Players must sign an Offer of Commitment to be entered into the Hockey Canada Registry.
- There are no affiliated players allowed to be signed by RS teams as per OMHA regulations.

TEAM SELECTION:

If a Roster Select team is approved for a specific division within TAAA, the following procedure shall be used for team selection.

- a) All LL players are to be advised of the formation of a Select Team and must formally register. No player shall be left out of this opportunity.
- b) The Head Coaches of each of the House/Local League teams within the approved division shall provide a ranking of the players on their teams along with their positions. (In evaluations the coaches shall supply a ranking for all players wishing to tryout for select) These ranking are to consider both the formal evaluation at the beginning of the season as well as utilizing their own observations during the season to date in their regular team play.
- c) This ranking list must be justifiable by each coach.
- d) In conjunction with the coaches and the respective Divisional Director, a ranking of the goalies shall also be determined in the same fashion.
- e) If it meets the approval of the Divisional Director and the Overall Chair of the TAAA, the players may be listed and ranked by position such that 9 forwards, 6 defensemen and a maximum of two goalies are eligible to be selected for the team.
- f) The players will be contacted by the coach to advise if they have / have not obtained a position on the select team. This is to be done within 24 hours of approval from the TAAA. A team list is to be supplied to the registrar ASAP after final cuts and acceptance of players.
- g) The number of players shall be no more than 19 as per OMHA 4.4 regulation.

TEAM PARTICULARS:

- It is anticipated the Rostered Select teams will begin play in November and end in April. TBA
- The TAAA allows any RS team to participate in a maximum of 3 tournaments per season.
NOTE: Tournaments can only be booked during OMHA Scheduled breaks or after season. These tournament entries must be approved by the Divisional Director, the Treasurer and the Ice Scheduler before committing to the event to ensure there is no conflict with ANY regular team games or plans, or to determine any registration related items that may need to be worked out.
- The TAAA will not permit any RS team more than one (1) formal practice per week, these practices shall not interfere with any players regularly scheduled Local League practices or games. All practices shall be considered to be over and above the regular Local League allotment and shall be 100% funded by the Rostered Select team budget. Any requests for more opportunities than this will have to be formally presented to the Board for consideration. A RS practice is not to take place by combining the LL teams. It is prohibited for players to join another practice of the other team (which would make the RS Team) to practice with the other team on LL practice time. (This could result in disbanding the team)
- Uniforms – may be supplied by the TAAA when possible, and are property of the TAAA to be returned at the end of the season in the condition that they were given. If damage occurs the player will be responsible for replacement. A charge will be added to the players account until reimbursement.
- The Select team must have at a minimum a certified Head Coach, Trainer and one other staff member (best to be a Manager) to attain OMHA approval.(TAAA will not reimburse coaching costs)
- The team shall be required to provide a financial reconciliation of their activities to the Board as per the TAAA policies.
- RS teams must pay for any and all practice ice used in a timely fashion (maximum 15 days from being scheduled). Practice locations are at the discretion of the RS Head Coach and should be scheduled in a manner that is cost effective for the team participants. When sufficient ice is not available in Thorold and practices are scheduled outside of Thorold the responsibility of organizing these ice rentals is the RS Head Coach.

- Funding for Rostered select is borne fully by the team. Annual costs for Rostered Select are anticipated to be, however, not limited to \$100-\$500 over and above the regular registration fee per player. Rostered Select coaching staff shall collaborate with team participants to determine the number of practices and tournaments that are financially viable and establish a team budget based on that information. If the team fundraise via sponsorship , the team must provide a banner for recognition of the sponsors.
- Roster Select teams shall not be provided with any ice time for practices or games by TAAA unless there is open ice that cannot be used by every other TAAA team, or cannot be returned to the City by the TAAA, and are still to be paid for by the RS team. The TAAA does not “OWE” a roster select team any ice time in the Thorold Arena for their activities.

STAFFING:

Coaches will be chosen for Rostered Select Teams from those division Local League Coaches who show a desire to be a Rostered Select Coach. In the event that division coaches are not able/permitted to coach a Rostered Select Team due to other team commitments, a coach from another division may be considered.

The coaching staff for the Select team must be recommended by the Local League Divisional Director responsible, but is approved by the TAAA Board as is the procedure for all TAAA teams.

The cost per player as determined by the coaching staff as well as the season’s proposed schedule must be provided to the person(s) making the player inquiries.

Each team must assign a Manager who will be responsible for the following:

1. In partnership with the Coach, managing the team bank account.
2. Coordination of exhibition games with other Rostered Select Centres with APPROVED Roster Select teams.
3. Getting appropriate Travel Permits and permissions
4. Coordination and registration of tournaments and accommodations.
5. Other duties as agreed to/assigned by the coach.
6. The team shall be required to provide a financial reconciliation of their activities to the Board as per the TAAA policies and remit payment for all team bills incurred.

The Director of the Division and TAAA Board must consider the following prior to approving ANY RS exhibition game or tournament proposal:

- 1) Confirmation that the regular teams within the division of that age group in the TAAA do not have any scheduled games or scheduled/potential events planned before entering into a tournament that would overlap. If so, the regular team’s plans/games/participation take precedence.
- 2) Ensuring proper documentation is in place
- 3) The finances are in place to support the team/event

TEAM COMPOSITION:

All player’s eligible must meet the OMHA regulations for participation on a RS Team.

Also, each division’s team will be made up 15 skaters and at least one goalie, with the potential for two goalies.

3. SUMMARY

The TAAA would like to have a formal documented process for members to follow while trying to formulate a Roster Select team at any age group in any season.