



Important Program Updates for the 2026–27 Season

Dear MTMHA Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming season, we want to share several important updates that will help our association continue to offer a strong, development-focused hockey experience for all players. These decisions reflect recent direction from the OMHA, changes to surrounding centers, and our commitment to long-term planning in a rapidly evolving hockey landscape.

1. U9 Program Structure

The **OMHA** has mandated that **MTMHA** will operate one **U9 MD1** team for the upcoming season.

The remaining U9 team will participate in the **Four County Loop** and we will be sure to add the necessary teams as per registration.

2. Confirmed “B” Teams for 2026–27

MTMHA will operate:

- **U10 B** team, and
- **U16 B** team

These teams will run within our standard “B” programming structure and in a Shamrock B Loop.

3. U10, U11 and U16 Structure Update

MTMHA **will not operate a U10, U11 or U16 B2 team, or U10 or U16 Four County teams** as the Shamrock League and Four County League has confirmed it will not run these loop for the upcoming season.

All other divisional structures will remain unchanged.

We remain fully committed to offering **travel-style hockey** and strong development opportunities for every player.

4. Open Borders & Player Access

Starting this season, MTMHA **will not place restrictions on the number of incoming players** joining any of our teams.

Any player who chooses to join MTMHA will have **full access to our programs**.

This approach allows us to adapt to the ongoing changes in our region, where many nearby centres are:

- amalgamating,
- adjusting classifications, or
- restructuring their organizations.

Remaining open and flexible ensures MTMHA stays strong and sustainable in the evolving hockey landscape.

5. MTMHA Classification Status

MTMHA will remain classified as a **“B” centre for the 2026–27 season**.

We have reviewed the possibility of applying to move to an **“A” centre classification for 2027–28**; however, we are not prepared to take that step at this time. We will continue to evaluate the impact of open borders and review future classification options when more information becomes available.

Regardless of classification, **all players will continue to have access to travel-style hockey** focused on development, meaningful competition, and fostering a love of the game.

6. Player-Purchased Jersey Program

We are pleased to share that MTMHA will **continue with the required player-purchased jersey program for the upcoming season with no price increase.**

In celebration of our upcoming milestone, we are also exploring the creation of a **50th Anniversary Edition jersey**, which we look forward to sharing more details about soon.

7. Tryout Process

Please take a moment to review the **included document outlining the updated tryout process.** This resource provides important details regarding evaluations, schedules, procedures, and expectations for players and families.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in Mooretown Minor Hockey. If you have any questions regarding these updates, please contact your division representative or an MTMHA executive member.

Sincerely,

Mooretown Minor Hockey Association



**Mooretown Minor Hockey Association (MTMHA) OPEN BORDERS 2026 Tryout
Process and Registration Information**

1. U9, U11, U13, U15 and U16 tryouts/skates will be held in the spring. U18, U21 and all Four County teams will tryout/skate starting in the fall. Dates to be determined for fall dates.

2. The Spring tryout process will begin with skill skates and checking clinics starting on April 11 (4 skates per age group). Tryouts will begin with “B” (first picked teams) and “B2” (second picked teams) as per the schedule below. Please pay close attention to the website for detailed dates and schedules.

U9 - April 18-23

U10 – May 11-15

U11B – May 11-16

U13B – May 9-14

U13 B2 – May 20-24

U15B – May 11-16

U15 B2 – May 19-23

U16B – May 11-16

3. To be eligible for tryouts a player shall pay their tryout fee. Players will not be able to step on the ice without fees paid. For the 2026-27 season there will be a \$125 tryout fee for all goalies and players, which includes tryout and skill skate ice time. The registration link will be open starting April 1, 2026.

4. All players must try out for B level hockey, or above, to be eligible to try out for B2 level hockey.

5. All players will be guaranteed 2 tryouts prior to release.
6. Single player releases may not occur during the tryout process.
7. All players shall wear full gear including neck and mouth guard for all tryouts.
8. All players trying out for hit hockey will be required to participate in a checking clinic and/or sign a waiver stating they have participated and/or knows the inherent risk of hit hockey.
9. There will be NO restrictions or team percentages in 2026 on out-of-town players. Open borders allow players to try out anywhere and are all eligible to make our teams. This is for U10 and up as OMHA doesn't allow movement in U9 and under.
10. If a team offers a spot to a player, the player and family will be asked to fill and sign an "Offer of Commitment". Once this commitment is signed, the player may not move to other centers/teams or attend any other center tryout(s). The player shall have 24 hours to accept or decline the offer.
11. If a player accepts an offer to play with an MTMHA "B" or "B2" team, the player and family must formally register through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) with MTMHA. Registration is available on the website and open as of May 1.
12. If a player refuses an offer for the B team, they cannot move to B2 tryouts, they will move to local league.
13. All goalie final MTMHA registration will be half price for U11 and up. Money will be returned to the family after a full season of the positions is played.

Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the hockey committee. Team numbers and team composition will be at the discretion of the hockey committee. The hockey committee shall have the final decision in all team selection matters. All hockey committee decisions shall be final.