



# ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

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## Freedom of Choice Between Hamilton AAA Organizations

Pilot implemented for the 2019-2020 season

Effective the 2019/20 season for a three-year trial period, players who reside within the boundaries of the Hamilton Huskies (Alliance) and the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs (OMHA) have freedom of choice between the two Hamilton AAA organizations. This means that the current territories of the Huskies and Jr. Bulldogs form a single Hamilton Zone that contains two organizations offering AAA hockey. The new zone includes the territories of the following Minor Hockey Associations: Hamilton (Alliance), Ancaster (OMHA), Caledonia (OMHA), Dundas (OMHA), Flamborough (OMHA), Glanbrook (OMHA), Hagersville (OMHA) and Stoney Creek (OMHA).

### 1. **Player and geographic jurisdiction:**

- a. These policies only apply to Players who reside within the territories of the following Minor Hockey Associations: Hamilton (Alliance), Ancaster (OMHA), Caledonia (OMHA), Dundas (OMHA), Flamborough (OMHA), Glanbrook (OMHA), Hagersville (OMHA) and Stoney Creek (OMHA).
- b. Players from outside of the Hamilton zone must follow OHF regulations on player movement.

### 2. **Trying out:**

- a. Subject to item 1a), A Player may try out for either of the Hamilton AAA teams, but may only tryout for a single team at a time.

### 3. **Timing of tryouts and releases:**

- a. Subject to Item 1a), Players trying out for a Hamilton AAA team must be either offered a roster position or released by 23:59 on the fourth day of tryouts.
- b. Subject to Item 1a), Players must be released by one of the Hamilton AAA organizations before undertaking movement outside of the Hamilton Zone. A player who tries out for both Hamilton AAA teams must obtain a release from both teams.
- c. Movement outside the Hamilton Zone is subject to OHF regulations for player movement (Regulation E).
- d. Players who do not reside in the boundaries of the Hamilton Zone must be released by both Hamilton AAA organizations before undertaking movement through Hamilton.

### 4. **Team officials:**

- a. A person who is Registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the Hamilton AAA Zone Organization be Registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher Division or Sub-Division (where applicable) of another Hamilton AAA Zone centre. Such written consent must be signed by an Hamilton AAA Zone Organization Official and be provided to the OMHA, ALLIANCE and OHF Offices. A Hamilton AAA Zone Organization may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. Reports of any Team Officials who may be in violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the OMHA, ALLIANCE or OHF office as soon as possible.

### 5. **Monitoring:**

OHF Members





- a. OHF appoint a small group to monitor the implementation of these recommendations and if required suggest amendments during the three-year period to the OHF Directors.
6. **Change of Member:**
- a. For the duration of the trial period, no new applications for change of Member by Minor Hockey Associations included in the new Hamilton Zone will be considered.

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