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## LOR Regulation Changes Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why were there changes made to LOR Regulations?

*The changes to the LOR Regulations were made to bring the participation of Players into line with the Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model which encourages players at the younger age divisions to develop within their home associations.*

2. Is the Lake Ontario Region boundary changing?

*No, the LOR boundary still consists of the GTHL (Toronto, Markham, Mississauga and Vaughan) and OMHA centres/associations: Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Markham, Pickering and Ajax.*

3. Did these changes take effect in 2017-18 season?

*Yes.*

4. What are the import quotas for each category?

*The AAA quota is a total of four (4). The import quota for AA and A teams is three (3).*

5. Can an OMHA resident player in an LOR centre use an OHF waiver to enter the GTHL?

*No, OMHA players in LOR centres must go through the process as outlined in OHF Regulations H1 – H38.*

6. Are non-LOR Players still eligible to participate in the LOR using the AAA waivers?

*Yes, providing a Player has obtained the correct waivers. Waiver players will no longer be considered imports to LOR teams, except for Players from Burlington, Halton Hills, Grey-Bruce, York Simcoe, Central Ontario and Whitby. Players from those centres will be designated as imports for all GTHL teams.*

7. Are Markham players still considered non-imports to both Markham teams?

*Yes, Markham residents are non-imports to both teams. However, they will now require a release to change Markham teams from U10 to U12 at the end of the season.*

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## Players in U10 to U13

8. What is required to tryout for a non-residential team?

*Players in this age bracket must be released by the team in their OMHA residential centre before they attend tryouts for another LOR team. Once the release is given, they are free to tryout with any team in the LOR in that category.*

9. Once a Player is released from their AAA residential team, are they free to attend tryouts for any category?

*OMHA Players are required to be released by their residential team at the AAA category before they can attend tryouts at that category elsewhere in the LOR. ie – An OMHA player released by their AAA residential centre may tryout for any other LOR AAA team but, if unsuccessful, must then return to their residential centre to tryout at the AA category and be released by that team before continuing to other LOR teams. The same process exists for players moving from AA to A.*

10. If an OMHA Player only wants to attend A tryouts, do they require a release from their residential teams at the AAA and AA level?

*No, Players need only attend tryouts for the level which they wish to participate at.*

11. What if I am offered a roster position with my residential team that I do not want to accept?

*If you choose to not accept the offered roster position, you will not be entitled to a release for that category. You will be eligible to restart the tryout process at a lower category (ie – position offered at AAA, player is eligible to tryout at AA with their OMHA residential centre.)*

12. What if I do not attend or miss tryouts in my OMHA residential centre?

*If a player does not attend the majority of tryouts, they are not entitled to a release. This applies to each category of play (AAA, AA and A.) (E48, E49, E61)*

13. What happens if an OMHA Player's residential centre does not offer a team at a category (ie – AAA, AA, or A)?

*Players are responsible for attending the majority of tryouts and make themselves available to receive an offer. If a team is not formed or if tryouts are no provided, Players will receive a*

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*release for that division and category (ie – residential centre does not offer a AA team, Players will be released to tryout at any AA team in the LOR.*

14. Once released from my OMHA residential team, am I eligible to tryout for more than one team at that category? What happens if I receive multiple offers?

*Once released from their OMHA residential centre, a player can tryout for any team in the LOR. If they receive multiple offers, they can choose the team they wish to play for.*

15. How are offers for a position with an OMHA team made?

*Offers are to be made by Personal Service. Personal Service is defined as the act of making an offer of registration to a Player and their parent(s), face to face, with a witness. This can be done immediately following a tryout or at another time as set by coach or association. This offer must be made by a specified time during the tryout period.*

## **U14 to U18**

16. What is required to tryout for a non-residential team?

*Players in these age divisions are automatically released by their team at the completion of each season. If changing Members (ie – OMHA Player to GTHL Team) the Player must obtain a Permission to Skate form from their previous team. This form can only be withheld for outstanding fees or equipment.*

17. Does a U14 and above age player require a Permission to Skate every year?

*No, the player would only require a Permission to Skate if he is trying out for a team in the other Members (OMHA to GTHL or GTHL to OMHA.)*

18. Can a Permission to Skate be withheld?

*No. All U14 to U18 players are entitled to a Permission to Skate form. The only exception is if the Player has outstanding fees or equipment.*

19. Do these new Regulations have any impact on U18 AAA Player Movement Regulations?

*No, these Players should continue to follow the OHF U18 AAA Regulations.*

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## Examples of Player Scenarios for 2020-2021 Season

- OMHA Player has never participated in the GTHL, due to age (entering U10) or has stayed with their residential centre:

*The Player will follow the rules as outlined OHF Regulations H1 – H38.*

*U10 to U13 players must start the tryout process at their residential centre.*

*U14 to U18 players may tryout anywhere in the LOR, provided they have obtained a Permission to Skate form if changing Members (ie – OMHA to GTHL)*

- An OMHA Player from a LOR Centre who participated with an OMHA team other than their residential centre or in the GTHL for the 2019-2020 season:

*For Players born in **2009 or 2010**, they may remain with the same team from the previous season provided an unused roster spot is available. However, if a player chooses to leave that team, they must return to their residential centre for tryouts. (E48)*

*For Players born in **2008**, they are eligible to tryout for any team in the LOR.*

*For Players born in **2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 (AA and A Players only) or 2003 (AA and A Players only)**, these players are automatically released from their team from the previous season and may tryout anywhere in the LOR. If choosing to change Members, the Player will require a Permission to Skate. 2004 and 2003 born players participating at the AAA level should follow OHF Regulations for U18 AAA.*

- An OMHA Player from a LOR Centre that is a 2012 birth year for the 2019-2020 season that wishes to play U10 hockey:

*It is up to the organization if they choose to allow Players to play up a Division and Category. The Player follows all LOR Tryout Regulations for that Division. If your LOR Organization does not provide the opportunity to play up one level then the player is entitled to a release for that Division and Category.*

- An OMHA Player from a LOR Centre who participated with their residential centre for the 2019-20 season:

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*For Players **entering** U11, U12 or U13 in the 2020-21 season, they must attend tryouts at their residential centre first. If they are released, they are free to tryout anywhere in the LOR at the same category.*

*For Players **entering** U14, U15, U16 or U18 (in AA or A only), these players are automatically released from their team from the previous season and may tryout anywhere in the LOR. If changing Members (ie – OMHA or GTHL), the Player will require a Permission to Skate. U18 players at the AAA should follow those specific OHF Regulations.*

- Players entering the LOR using an AAA waiver:

*There are no changes to the process for players entering the LOR on a AAA waiver.*