

Brant County Minor Hockey Association

Player Eligibility

Since the partnership and creation of the Brant County Minor Hockey Association (Brant Hockey), it is important to understand what happens now for your rep options.

Brant Hockey will be Classified as an “A” Rep centre.

You will find below some information which will help decide your players' specific options.

Please note this information serves as a guideline only and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) or the OMHA Rules and Regulations should be considered for all final determinations.

Local League/U9 MD

Brant Hockey will only manage U10-U21 Representative Hockey. It was created with an agreement between Burford, Paris, and St. George Minor Hockey Associations whereby rep hockey rights of the 3 centers were transferred to Brant Hockey.

Burford, Paris, St. George Minor Hockey Associations will continue to exist and operate as per the usual without the representative component as well as U9MD. Each center will continue to develop their youth and recreation leagues to feed to the Brant Hockey Rep program.

For local league hockey there are no geographical or municipal restrictions-players can play local league hockey with the association of their choice.

Representative Hockey

Determining a Players “Home Centre”

Under OMHA regulations, players may only register and play for the Centre (Hockey Association) in which they reside, subject to exceptions discussed below. An athletes or players residence is defined as the structure (not the listed property) in which a player is a permanent resident, and any measurement therefrom shall always begin at the main entrance of such residence.

A players Home Centre will be the nearest Center to their residence by a well-traveled road. Each center has a clearly defined “Centre Point” for such measurement purposes. Brant Hockey’s Center Point will be the **Brant Sports Complex at 944 Powerline Road, Paris Ontario Canada.**

In addition, Brant Hockey and surrounding minor hockey associations operate under the 8km Rule set by OMHA. Under this regulation a player shall be given a choice of Home Centre where the difference in distance from or to their residence, over well-traveled roads, always measured

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by the shortest possible route to the closest two or more Centre's does not exceed 8km. That said you would not be permitted to bypass a Centre to play for another Centre in the same general direction. All or most Center Points are listed on the given associations website or by contacting their Association for details.

Grandfathering Rule-Current Burford, Paris, St. George Players

Any current rostered Burford, Paris, St. George players who satisfy the existing residency rules will automatically have the grandfathered right to play for Brant Hockey. If you have selected Burford, Paris, or St. George as your Right of Choice already, you will be grandfathered to the new Centre Point or have the option to rewrite your ROC given the OMHA regulation 3.4. If you live inside the Municipal Boundaries of your centre point you will be grandfathered to Brant Hockey.

This is a special case allowance with the transition for the partnership for Brant Hockey. In the future all new players will use the Home Centre rules to determine their Home Center.

AAA/AA Opportunities

U9MD - Each centre will operate their own U9MD Development, not Brant.

Players in U10 and U11 - A player may try out for our AAA Home Centre as per the current OMHA Permission to Skate Waiver System.

If a player is not offered a position on a AAA team or chooses not to play AAA Hockey, they are to return to Brant Hockey.

Players U12 and Older - A player may try out for our AAA Home Centre as per the current OMHA Permission to Skate Waiver System.

If a player is not offered a rostered position on AAA or chooses not to play AAA, they may try out for AA on a Non-Resident Passport (NRP). It is important to note, that Brantford is an Alliance AA/A seeded Centre. This level of hockey is categorized as A for the purpose of player movement to OMHA players from an A centre such as Brant Hockey. Therefore Brantford AA/A teams will not qualify for this player movement option. Basically, with Brant being an A Center, a player does not have the movement right to play on a Brantford A/AA team.

If a player is not offered a roster position on a AAA or AA team or chooses not to play AAA or AA, the player returns to Brant Hockey.