

## RAC 2025-2026 AAA/AA EVALUATION INFORMATION

### EVALUATION PROCESS

The FSMH Evaluation Process will now be facilitated in 3 Segments: Spring Camp, Fall Camp and Main Camp. Players interested in AAA evaluations are encouraged to register for Spring Camp. Players interested in AA-only evaluations are encouraged to register for Fall Camp.

### SPRING CAMP

- Spring Camp registration will initially be open to any players currently rostered on a Tier 2 or higher team (or an equivalent level for those returning from a non-sanctioned league)
- Registration will be capped at 75% of total capacity, with the remaining 25% of spots reserved for waitlisted players who will be accepted in priority order.
- Players registered for a Spring Tryout Camp will participate in 3 evaluation skates, which could be composed of skills skates, gameplay or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the Club.
- Following a collaborative review by RAC Operations and team staff, limited signing offers can be made after the completion of the spring camp.
- Players not receiving a signing offer will be invited to register for Fall Camp, when season registration opens.

### SIGNING OFFERS

- Players may be offered a spot on the team roster after Spring Camp via a signing offer.
- Players must attend Spring Camp to be eligible to receive a Signing Offer.
- The signing offer must be accepted in writing by a specified deadline prior to the opening of standard registration.
- Upon acceptance of a signing offer, a lump-sum monetary assurance of acceptance will be required. These details will be provided in the signing offer document.
- A maximum number of players eligible to receive signing offers out of Spring Camp will be given to the coach prior to the start of Spring Camp by the RAC Board.
- As per Hockey Alberta's Elite Policies & Procedures, signed players' names will be posted on the Hockey Alberta website on or before August 1st, 2025.



## FALL CAMP

Fall Camp includes all players that:

- ✓ Were not offered a spot on the team roster out of Spring Camp
  - ✓ Players that did not participate in Spring Camp
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- Players in Fall Camp will be scheduled to participate in 3 evaluation skates, which could be composed of skills skates, gameplay or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the Club.
  - Goaltenders will be scheduled to attend a goalie evaluation.
  - Upon the completion of the three evaluation skates, cuts will be posted on the FSMH website. Players who are successful up to this stage will be invited to participate in a regulation-length evaluation game Blue V.S. White Game
  - Following the blue and white game, a collaborative review by RAC Operations and team staff, invitations to Main Camp will be extended to identified players. The number of players invited will be subject to previously extended invitations from Spring Camp.
  - Cuts will be made after the Blue vs White game in person.
  - Players not invited to Main Camp will continue in AA tryouts (or U17AAA if eligible). At this stage, players will be eligible to request a second tryout.

## MAIN CAMP

- Main camp is the last portion of tryouts for all AAA teams that takes place after the Blue Vs White game.
- During the main camp, teams should expect to see second tryouts coming to skates
- During the final evaluations, players should expect to participate in regular practices, evaluations and exhibition games.
- All cuts at the main camp are done in person
- At any point from the start of the main camp to the final team selection, the coach may notify a player that they have secured a roster spot within the team or release them from the roster.

## REGISTRATION

- Registration for Spring Camps opens March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- [CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER](#)
- Spring Camp registrations are separate from regular season registrations. All players who participate in an RAC Spring Camp and intend to carry on with RAC for the upcoming fall camp are required to register with the Club once regular season registration opens.
- Registration and information on our Summer Camps will be available soon.
- Registration for Fall Camp is expected to open June 15, 2025.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- U18AAA and U17AAA Spring Camps will be run jointly.
- Players moving into the recruitment area after the completion of Spring Camp will be required to participate in Fall Camp.
- Injured players who are unable to participate in Spring Camp are required to provide medical documentation of the injury to the Coaching staff. An invitation to Main Camp may be issued, at the coach's discretion. However, it should be expected that the player prepares to participate in Fall Camp.

## SECOND TRYOUT PROCESS

- To be eligible for a second tryout, players must be registered for Fall Camp.
- Players will not be eligible for the AAA or AA second tryout process until the conclusion of Fall Camp.
- Details on the Second Tryout Process in the AEHL & AFHL can be found [here](#)

## SCHEDULE

The following Spring ID/Tryout Camp schedule is subject to change.

- U15AAA – March 28-30
- U18AAA – April 11-13
- U13AAA – April 11-13
- U11AA – April 11-13

## FAQ

### 1. Why are these changes to evaluations being made?

Hockey Alberta is working towards providing families with more clarity and choices regarding their players' league signings. By introducing a guaranteed signing option in the Spring, they aim to help families make informed decisions sooner in the year while still maintaining the opportunity for players to participate in Fall tryouts.

### 2. I've seen a Hockey Alberta announcement that draw zones are being taken away and that there will be no borders. Is this correct?

The recent Information Bulletin 80\_60 from Hockey Alberta provides important guidance for first-time hockey registrants and outlines some changes regarding player movement, especially for elite hockey levels like AAA and AA. Here's a summary of the key points:

- First-time Registrants: Families registering their child for hockey for the first time can choose any Minor Hockey Association (MHA) that will accept their registration.



- 8j Player.Movement.Process;There are specific procedures for players who applied to the player movement process in the previous season;The bulletin emphasizes that draw zones are still relevant for elite hockey divisions;
- 9j Elite.Hockey.Options;For players looking to explore teams outside of their designated draw zones?tools like the Elite.Player.Movement.Process and the Second.Tryout.Process are available;
- 0j Application.Requirements;Players outside current draw zone boundaries who wish to play in RAC must complete and submit the Elite.Player.Movement.Application form before July.7. and receive approval before attending the Fall or Main.Camps;

Make sure to review the full bulletin for detailed procedures and deadlines;

### **3. Does this mean that (a) any player outside of RAC's draw zone can attend RAC's Spring Camp, or that (b) my player can attend a Spring Camp offered by another elite club?**

Players are permitted to participate in Spring Identification.(ID).Skates only within the association for which they meet the registration requirements?as outlined in the AAA-AA Hockey Model.(draw zone.players);This means that any player who needs to submit an Elite.Player.Movement.Request to join a AAA-AA team is not eligible to take part in the Spring.ID. Skates for that association;

### **4. To make a AAA or AA team in RAC do I have to attend Spring Camp?**

No;However?players must attend Spring.Camp to be eligible to receive a Signing.Offer to a AAA.team;

### **5. Who will be evaluating the camps?**

Evaluations during all camps will be completed by the AAA.Head.Coach and staff if they are not available?a third party evaluator will be brought in;On ice skills skates may be run by the coaching staff?third party evaluators or skills providers-coaches at the Club's discretion;

### **6. If I am placed into Fall Camp from Spring Camp, does that mean I get a second chance to try out for the AAA team?**

Yes?it is recognized that players can improve their skills during the Summer following Spring.Camp;As a result?participating in Fall.Camp provides a second chance to earn an invitation to Main.Camp;However?it is important to note that there will likely be fewer invitations to Main.Camp extended during Fall.Camp;



7. If I am placed into Fall Camp from Spring Camp and do not make the main camp, may I still apply for a AAA second try-out somewhere else?

Yes?if.released.from.RAC?you.may.apply.for.a.second.try\_out

8. Is my player still able to try out for Hockey Alberta programs, including the Prospects Cup, the Alberta Cup or the Alberta Challenge?

Yes;We.have.accounted.for.these.regional.camp.dates.in.our.schedule.with.these.opportunities.in.mind

If you have any further questions, please reach out to [gm@fsmhockey.com](mailto:gm@fsmhockey.com)

