

RAC 2026-2027

AAA/AA EVALUATION INFORMATION

EVALUATION PROCESS

- The FSMH Evaluation Process will now be conducted in two segments: Spring ID Camps and Fall Tryouts.
- Players interested in **AAA evaluations** are encouraged to register for the **Spring ID Camps and Fall Tryouts**.
- Players only interested in **AA-only evaluations** do not need to attend Spring ID camps

SPRING CAMP

- Camps will be open to all players within the RAC Hockey Alberta Draw zone, If a camp reaches capacity, participants will be selected based on registration priority and the player's most recent team played.
- 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, 2026.



TRYOUT CAMP

Tryout Camp includes all players that:

- ✓ Were not offered a spot on the team roster out of Spring Camp
- ✓ Players who did not participate in Spring Camp
- Players in tryout 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.

REGISTRATION

- Registration for Spring Camps opens Feb 5th at 5 pm.
- 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 tryout camp are required to register with the Club once regular season registration opens.
- Registration for fall tryouts is expected to open June 15, 2026.

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](#)



FAQ

- 1. 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 24-04 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:

- 1. 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.*
- 2. 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.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. 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 1 and receive approval before attending the Fall or Main Camps.*

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

- 2. 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.*

- 3. 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.

- 4. 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.

- 5. If I am placed into tryout 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

- 6. 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

