

NORTHUMBERLAND MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
U18 Update: Thursday, August 21, 2025



OBJECTIVE

Northumberland Minor Hockey Association (NMHA) intends to provide the opportunity to ice Representative Teams at the U18AA and U18A level for the 2025-2026 season. Should we have an insufficient number of players to operate at AA and A, we will attempt to have a U18BB program offering.

It is our objective to provide the opportunity for as many players possible to play in a competitive environment suited to their abilities.

TIMELINE

Northumberland Minor Hockey Association (NMHA) has reviewed the current options. We are waiting on an OMHA response to a proposed option and wish to advise the following as it pertains to U18AA and U18A programming for 2025-2026:

1. Review text responses to the question of commitment.
2. Open coach Applications for U18AA August 21, 2025. These will stay open until August 25, 2025 11:59 a.m.
3. Establish a registration for AA and A so that numbers can be reviewed prior to first U18AA ice time August 26, 2025. Advertise through Social Media and NMHA Website.
4. Registration for new players to NMHA tryouts can register and pay the \$50.00 tryout passport fee. Players who paid for a Tryout Passport fee (\$100.00) in the spring and participated, will only need to register in order to prepare for the skates.
5. U18AA Ice times prior to September 7, 2025 (First U18A Tryout Date):
 - Tuesday, August 26, 2025: 8:30pm – 10:00pm @ Baltimore Arena
 - Tuesday, September 2, 2025: 9:00pm – 11:00pm @ Jack Burger Arena
 - Wednesday, September 3, 2025: 9:45pm – 11:15pm @ CCC - Grace Bowen Arena
 - Friday, September 5, 2025: 9:30pm – 11:00pm @ CCC – Bowl Arena
 - Saturday, September 6, 2025: 5:00pm – 7:00pm @ Jack Burger Arena

Eligibility to participate in the ice times will be U18AA players who have been signed at spring tryouts, others that participated in spring tryouts and new registrants who have purchased a passport. The total number of available positions on the U18AA will be determined by the number of U18AA signed players

and roster size restrictions (OHF Guideline).

Permission has been requested from the OMHA to run 1 or 2 exhibition games during this time frame.

U18A

NMHA has submitted a request to the OMHA for permission to run U18A programming, should we not be able to run U18AA programming. We are awaiting their response.

NMHA's objective is to run U18A programming subject to interest in this program. The Tryout schedule is set as follows:

1. Sunday September 7, 2025: 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ CCC – Bowl Arena
2. Tuesday September 9, 2025: 9:30pm - 11:00pm @ CCC – Bowl Arena
3. Friday September 12, 2025: 8:00pm - 9:30pm @ CCC – Bowl Arena
4. Practice for selected team begins Saturday, September 13, 2025: 9:15pm - 10:45pm @CCC - Grace Bowen Arena

New players to NMHA, can register for tryouts and pay the \$50.00 tryout passport fee. Players who paid for a Tryout Passport fee (\$100.00) in the spring and participated will only need to register in order to prepare for the skates.

U18BB

NMHA will review U18BB after the U18AA and U18A programs are determined. This could be as early as the first week of September. The intent would be to run tryouts under the U18A schedule noted above should we only have one of the U18AA and U18A teams.