



HAMILTON STEEL HOCKEY CLUB - TRYOUT INFORMATION

The Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryouts for the 2024-2025 season will commence on April 20th, 2024 for U10-U13 and April 22nd, 2024 for U14-U16. The Hamilton Steel zone includes the territories of the following Minor Hockey Associations: Hamilton (Alliance), Ancaster (OMHA), Caledonia (OMHA), Dundas (OMHA), Flamborough (OMHA), Glanbrook (OMHA), Hagersville (OMHA) and Stoney Creek (OMHA).

Before undertaking movement outside of the Hamilton Zone, players must be released by the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club and receive an F1 waiver from the organization. The Hamilton Steel will be following the OHF regulations and OMHA Manual of Operations for player movement and per the regulations no player will be issued an F1 prior to the commencement of tryouts. Further, the OHF mandates players to have 3 skates prior to the release from a hockey club during the tryout process.

All players will be required to register and attend tryouts prior to being released from the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club. If a player is released by the organization then a F1 waiver will be issued by email. See below for further details about F1 waiver process with the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club.

TRYOUT STEPS:

- 1) The first step for a player wishing to tryout for the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club is to register online through the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club website. Once the form is completed you will receive confirmation of registering online (please check your junk email folders as well as many people had confirmation emails going there during the prep registration process). Following registering please send an e-transfer and in the body of the e-transfer include the Players Name, DOB and age category (U10/U11 etc).
- 2) Once you submit your registration you should receive a confirmation email immediately back that it was received (please check your junk folder as well). Only after payment has been received will you be considered as registered. Please **DO NOT** email the Hamilton Steel requesting confirmation of registration or regarding payment received as the email box is not monitored 24/7.



NOTE: It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure the accuracy of all registration information including contact email address.

- 3) **The early bird online registration tryout fee is \$160.00 (early bird registration fee ends April 14th, 2024 11:59pm) and will apply to all players trying out for U10 – U16.** Any zone player who fails to register during the early bird registration will be required to register and pay the day of tryouts via CASH. The “walk up” fee is \$200.00 and can be paid on the day of tryouts. Registration will NOT BE OPEN between APRIL 16th -28th, 2024.
- 4) All zone players who register for Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryouts will be guaranteed the first three (3) tryout skates per OHF regulations and OMHA manual of operations.
- 5) Each player must then acquire a valid and current Permission to Skate (PTS) Form from their home Minor Hockey Association (this is not the team they played for in 2023-2024 but their home Centre). These forms are issued by a Player’s home centre (check your home centre's website) and is usually issued by the Registrar or Member of the Executive. **OMHA Hamilton Residents Home Centres:** Ancaster MHA, Caledonia MHA, Dundas MHA, Flamborough MHA, Glanbrook MHA, Hagersville MHA and Stoney Creek MHA. **Hamilton Alliance Residents:** (Wards 1 to 8) are available through the Hamilton Huskies website.
- 6) The Hamilton Steel Hockey Club does not provide Permission to Skate Forms. The completed and signed PTS must be handed into the registration desk (hard copy) at the players first tryout. No player will be allowed on the ice without a PTS Form.
- 7) Players who do not make themselves available for tryouts will not be provided a release/OHF F1 Waiver. The Head Coach of the applicable Hamilton Steel team has the right to offer that applicable player (who elected not to participate in tryouts) an Offer of Commitment. If the player refuses to sign the Offer of Commitment offered to



them, they will NOT have the option to play AAA hockey at another AAA Association/ AAA Zone Centre.

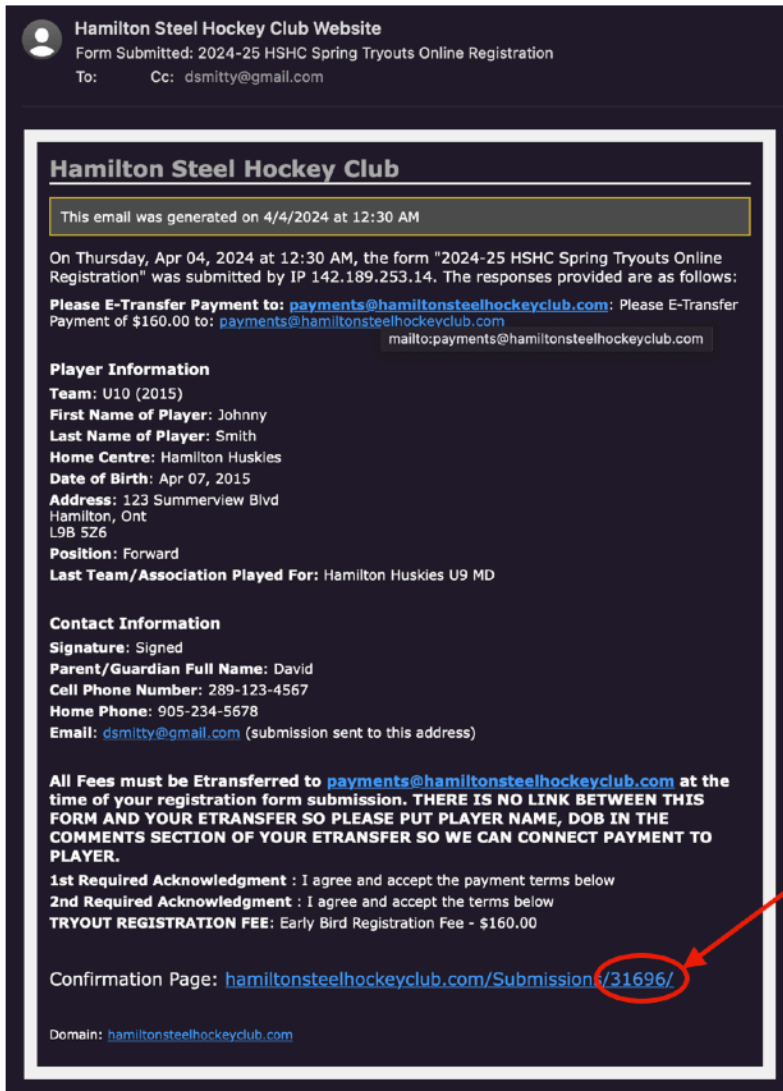
- 8) Any player who is a “walk-up” player will be required to register online when attending tryouts (both zone players and F1 Waiver players). The registration desk will not be registering any players manually, as it will be the parent/players responsibility to register online through the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club website prior to attending the registration desk.
- 9) Injured Players (including goaltenders): If in the Head Coach's opinion, the injured player qualifies to be rostered, the Head Coach may offer a letter of commitment. Injured players shall provide documentation from a doctor of their medical injury to the Hamilton Steel Registrar at the Registration Desk on the day of the tryout. Injured players must still register for tryouts as well.
- 10) All players attending the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryouts will be provided with a tryout jersey to be worn during tryouts.
- 11) The Hamilton Steel Hockey Club will be using a unique identification number on the Hamilton Steel website to release players. This means once a player registers, a unique identification number will be assigned to that player and appear on the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club website under that player’s age category (these numbers will appear after the first tryout). Once a player is released, their unique identification number will be removed from the web page and the said player will be eligible for a F1 waiver from the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club.

AGAIN, OHF REGULATIONS STATES PLAYERS ARE ENTITLED TO 3 SKATES PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM THE HOCKEY CLUB. Any player who has not been released by the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club is NOT eligible for an F1 waiver.

****VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: The unique identification number will be in the confirmation email you receive immediately after registering online. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to check this number as the number will not be handed out at registration.**



SAMPLE OF CONFIRMATION EMAIL AFTER REGISTERING ONLINE:



5-DIGIT UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION Number for registered player to be used during tryouts

F1 WAIVER PROCESS

- 1) **ALL PLAYERS** must register and attend tryouts of the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club prior to a F1 waiver being issued.
- 2) Per OHF regulations **ALL PLAYERS** are guaranteed three (3) tryouts and may be released by the minor hockey team after the completion of third skate. Please note, this is an OHF regulation and not a rule/regulation of the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club.



- 3) F1 waivers will only be issued to a player after the coach has released the player. The coach must release the player prior to Hamilton Steel Hockey Club issuing a F1 waiver.
- 4) NO F1 waivers can be provided before the start of tryouts per OHF regulations. Any request for an F1 waiver prior to the start tryouts will not be entertained as this is a breach of the OHF regulations.
- 5) Once a coach has released a player, then an F1 waiver will be issued to that player at the request of the parent/guardian. Once released by the coach please follow the below steps.
- 6) First step is to send an email to: info@hamiltonsteelhockeyclub.com with the following information
 - Player First Name and Last Name
 - Player DOB (dd-MMM-yyyy)
 - Position Player Plays (Skater or Goalie)
 - Residence (City)
 - Team (Association)
 - Division
 - Player/Parent (Guardian) email address – This will be the email address which the F1 waiver will be issued/emailed too, so please ensure your email address is correct. Be mindful that sometimes our emails go to the “junk” folder so please check that folder when looking for an F1 waiver.
- 7) All F1 waiver requests will be fulfilled the following day after being released. This will occur between 9am-3pm. Please be patient as our organization receives a large number of requests and we will do our best to get these waivers out as fast as humanly possible.
- 8) No F1 waiver will be issued without sending an email to Hamilton Steel Hockey Club with all the pertinent information.



F1 WAIVER POLICY – IMPORT PLAYERS

- 1) A player outside of the Hamilton Steel zone may participate in their applicable age category that has been issued an OHF F1 Waiver from the AAA Centre/AAA Zone Centre.
- 2) F1 Waiver Players will be required to bring and provide a hard copy (printed copy) of the F1 waiver to their first Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryout. No player will be allowed to skate with the Hamilton Steel without the F1 waiver.
- 3) Any other decisions regarding F1 Waivers shall be decided by reference to the OHF regulations, OMHA Manual of Operations and the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club.
- 4) The Hamilton Steel Hockey Club will not offer any “walkthrough” F1 waivers and all players must skate with the club before being eligible for a F1 waiver.
- 5) F1 players attending Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryouts will be required to pay a fee of \$40.00 per skate.
- 6) F1 players will be required to register online before attending a Hamilton Steel Hockey Club tryout. This can be done through the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club website.

UNDERAGE POLICY (ACCELERATION PROCESS)

- 1) All players must participate in their applicable age category. Anyone wishing to try out for an older age group must commence the Acceleration Process by submitting a request to the President of the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club via email. The Hamilton Steel Hockey Club Hockey Committee reserves the right to ultimately decide whether or not the player may play out of his age category.
- 2) If the player is unsuccessful in the Acceleration Process and still wishes to try out for the team in their respective age category, the Hamilton Steel Hockey Club Hockey Committee will facilitate the transition to the applicable Team’s next tryout session.