

## U18 Rep

There are three program options for U18 Rep. All three programs are run by different organizations with each program holding separate tryouts.

## U17 AAA + U18 AAA – BC Hockey

Kamloops is the host for two AAA teams. The BCEHL runs these programs. Tryouts usually begin in the spring.

## U18 AA - OMAHA

AA is an OMAHA Zone team open to players throughout the Thompson region. The program is run through KMHA with OMAHA overseeing everything. To be eligible, all players must register for the tryouts through the OMAHA website. All fees for this program are paid to OMAHA.

## Tier 2/3 - KMHA

These teams are Kamloops based teams run by KMHA. Tryouts are independent from the AAA or AA tryouts. If released from AAA or AA, you will have to pay the KMHA tryout fee to tryout for tier 2,3. There will be one set of tryouts for all tiers. If the numbers and ability are there, a tier 4 team could be considered. Registration for the tryouts will be through the OMAHA website.

There will be up to 18 skaters and 2 goalies per team if the numbers and ability are there. If your child is selected for a U18 Rep team, there is an additional fee to KMHA to cover the extra costs, including additional ice time. This is called a carding fee and it is set at \$450. Each U18 rep team will have a team budget, voted on and approved by the parents, to cover expenses for the season. Those expenses include tournaments, apparel, team functions, and any other items the team agrees on.

Teams will receive two full ice practices per week. One practice will be in the late afternoon/early evening and the second being on a weekday morning at 6:00am before school. The practice times will be the same day and time throughout the season. The U18 Rep teams will travel for league games within the Thompson/Okanagan. In some circumstances, teams could travel outside of the region for a league game. Teams may attend up to 3 out of town tournaments and host one home tournament.

U18 Rep is a more competitive level of hockey where players are expected to have a full commitment to their team. Players must attend all practices and games, apart from an injury or illness. It is important for families to understand the commitment required before signing up.