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Following the removal of the Notification of Tryout procedure for AA and AAA hockey at the beginning of the 2022-23 season, Hockey Alberta has continued to review the tryout notification and player listing process, attempting to balance ease of registration for players while still ensuring a player's resident Minor Hockey Association is aware of a player's whereabouts throughout the tryout period.

For the 2023-24 season, Hockey Alberta has created a AA/AAA Tryout List online spreadsheet and posted it on the overview page of the Hockey Alberta Centre Ice Portal so that all registrars and minor hockey association presidents can access a live, singular database for players pursuing AAA and AA Male and Female tryouts during the 2023-24 hockey season.

Associations hosting AAA and AA Male and Female tryouts will be expected to upload the list of players registered for their tryouts to this spreadsheet according to the instructions outlined on the first tab of the spreadsheet. Associations hosting tryouts must upload all players attending tryouts, including those whose resident MHA is the same MHA hosting tryouts (ie: St. Albert MHA must upload all players from Barrhead, CR Knights, AND St. Albert for their U15 and U17 AAA tryout list) as the AA and Elite Male and Female Committees will use the information to assess Draw Zone/Recruitment Area engagement and health.

By each Tuesday afternoon between August 1 and October 1, associations will be required to use the legend provided on each sheet to update the players as they progress from in tryouts, to being released, to making teams or pursuing second tryouts. This will allow associations not hosting tryouts to keep up to date on where players that fall within their resident boundaries are located throughout the tryout process. Associations must fill out all columns on the spreadsheet.

By sorting the Resident MHA or Tryout Team columns alphabetically, any association can easily locate all players from a given minor hockey association or trying out for a given team. Using the legend they can then determine where players are located in the tryout process.

Associations may begin inputting tryout information immediately after reading through all instructions. For any questions, please contact Hudson Kelly (hkelly@hockeyalberta.ca)

For more information on AA and AAA tryout processes, please review Appendix I-III on the <u>Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations</u> page.