



The alternate spot selection for MYHA has been created with the goal of giving all those who live in Marblehead the opportunity to play and stay connected to their town- if and only if- they are affiliated with another club hockey program or are committed to another winter sport during that season. This designation aligns to MYHA's mission of providing an opportunity for everyone in Marblehead to be a part of the youth hockey program. It is important to point out that the goal of the alternate spot is not to interfere with, disrupt, or take away anyone's chances of making one of the selected teams.

MYHA Alternate Player Policy

The use of Alternate Players will be evaluated by the Board of Directors (BOD) on an annual basis. When authorized by the BOD, alternate players will be allowed to play on the Marblehead Youth Hockey Association's (MYHA) Squirt, Pee Wee or Bantam teams under the following conditions:

1. Requests for alternate player status must be submitted using the MYHA tryout registration process.
2. Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam teams may only have a maximum of two (2) alternate players on the roster, exclusive of goalies. Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam teams shall comprise a maximum roster of 13 skaters, up to 2 goalies and up to 2 alternates. Mite teams will not have alternate players.
3. Players who request alternate status must have tried out during the annual Spring placement tryout to be eligible for participation as an alternate for the following winter season, unless otherwise approved by the BOD.
 - a. Families will be notified if the number of alternate spots per division exceeds the allotted limit. In such cases, families have the option to upgrade to full-time player status before teams are selected.
4. Alternate determinations shall be approved only after the completion of all Spring placement evaluations and roster decisions.
5. Alternate players must be registered full-time with another program unless otherwise approved by the BOD.
6. Players whose registration request is approved will be added to the Team roster and will be offered the following consideration:

- a. Alternate players will commit to paying approximately 75% of the Team's prescribed dues for the season and payment will follow the same terms and conditions of full-time players.
7. Alternate players will be eligible to attend the Team's scheduled practices each week, and invited to participate in games at the Coach's discretion with the restrictions set forth below:
 - a. Game participation for alternates is contingent on the absence of full-time players.
 - b. Alternate players must attend at least 1 (one) practice per month during the hockey season.
 - c. Alternate players are permitted to play in all tournaments and playoffs if eligible under tournaments and league by-laws.
 - d. Alternate players are permitted to play in up to 75% of games. Deviations to this requirement must be approved by the Level Director.
 - e. An Alternate player that wishes to play full-time, may do so at any time during the season provided there is room on the roster and the request is submitted prior to the roster deadline.
8. If an alternate player moves to full-time status, roster adjustments may be considered per Rule 2.
9. Alternate players that are approved to move to full-time status will be billed for the full dues.

Tryout Policy for Alternate Players

1. Prior to tryouts, all players must designate their status as either a full-time or alternate player.
2. Alternate players will be categorized and ranked separately during tryouts. The top 1-2 alternate players will be offered spots on the AAA team, the next 3-4 alternate players will be offered spots on the AA team.
3. If there are more than 4 alternate players wishing to participate at their respective levels, those additional players will be offered the option to transition to full-time status and will be included in the full-time pool during team selections.
4. This policy is established to ensure a fair and organized tryout process for all players.

Cost per Season: \$1,400.00

*Alternates will be eligible for St. Lambert exchange