



Thompson Zone

'A' Rep

2026/2027

OMAHA 'A' REP 26/27

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OMAHA is continuing the regional zone 'A' Rep program for the 2026/2027 season at the U13, U15, and U18 levels. Approved by BC Hockey and supported by OMAHA member associations, this program is designed to provide more competitive hockey opportunities for players across the district while helping create more balanced recreation leagues.

The expanded border model allows associations to work together to place players at the appropriate competitive level, ensuring players can play at their highest potential rather than being limited to a lower level or recreation hockey due to association borders. The goal is to support long-term player development and improve the experience for players at all levels throughout the region.

THOMPSON ZONE

Program Information for the 2026/2027 Season

THOMPSON ZONE ASSOCIATIONS

CHASE CLEARWATER
KAMLOOPS LILLOOET
LOGAN LAKE MERRITT
100 MILE HOUSE
THOMPSON CARIBOO

'A' REP DIVISIONS DIVISIONS

U13
Tier 1, 2, 3, 4

U15
Tier 2, 3, 4

U18
Tier 2, 3, 4

HOST ASSOCIATIONS

Host Associations for the 2026/2027 Season

U13

Tier 1



Tier 2



Tier 3



Tier 4



U15

AA



Tier 2



Tier 3



Tier 4



U18

AA



Tier 2



Tier 3



Tier 4



U13 SUB ZONES

Tier 1

Host – Kamloops

Zone Associations



Tier 2

Host – Kamloops

Zone Associations



Tier 3

Host – Kamloops

Zone Associations



Tier 4

Host – Chase

Sub Zone Associations



Tier 4

Host – Merritt

Sub Zone Associations



Tier 4

Host – 100 Mile

Sub Zone Associations



If a player is released to Tier 4, they will attend those tryouts based on their home association.
Please note that Tier 4 zones are subject to change based on registration numbers.

U15 SUB ZONES

Tier 2

Host – Kamloops Zone Associations



Tier 3

Host – Kamloops Zone Associations



Tier 4

Host – Logan Lake Sub Zone Associations



Tier 4

Host – 100 Mile Sub Zone Associations



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ZONE INFORMATION

Program Information

- All players are required to attend tryouts from the beginning at the highest level available within their division. Following tryouts, players will play for the team they are selected to, regardless of their home association.
- If a player does not wish to travel to Kamloops for Tier 1–3 and would prefer to play within their home association, a request must be submitted to OMAHA General Manager Dave Dupas. Approval of these requests will be at the discretion of the OMAHA General Manager.
- If approved, the player would still be required to attend tryouts from the beginning to maintain a fair and consistent evaluation process for all players.

Registration

All players wishing to try out for rep hockey must register separately for rep tryouts. Players must first register through their home association as they normally would and then complete the rep tryout registration through the link below.

'A' Rep Tryout Registration

REP TRYOUT DATES

U13

Tier 1-4

**August
21-23
Kamloops**

Host associations take over tiered groups following this weekend

U15

Tier 2-4

**August
28-30
Kamloops**

Host associations take over tiered groups following this weekend

U18

Tier 2-4

**August
28-30
Kamloops**

Host associations take over tiered groups following this weekend

REP TRYOUT PROCESS

Each division will have an evaluation group leader who will be either a staff member or a zone committee member.

Independent evaluators will be hired to assist with player evaluations in all divisions from U13 to U18. The goal is to have 4–6 evaluators assigned to each division. Evaluators will enter their evaluation scores into the Team Genius app. Evaluators will be seated in a designated area, and access to this area will be restricted to authorized personnel only.

The evaluation group leader will oversee both the independent evaluators and the head coach throughout the tryout process. If a non-parent coached is named for the top team, they may be part of the evaluations.

Following the three initial skates, players will be placed in tiered groups based on the evaluation scores.

Phase 1

All players will be divided into mixed groups and will participate in three game-play evaluation sessions.

- **Group Size:** All players
- **Group Leaders:** One staff member and/or zone committee member
- **Evaluators:** 4-6 independent evaluators
- **Sessions:** 3 games in mixed groups. One session each day, Friday to Sunday. Additional session for goaltenders.

REP TRYOUT PROCESS

Phase 2

Regroup players based on evaluation scores following Phase 1. Players are regrouped into tiered groups. The first set of releases may take place. Host associations take over Tier 4 groups at this point.

Tier 1-3 (Tier 4 can follow this if they choose. Host association can determine how the sessions are run)

- **Group Sizes:** 24-30 skaters, 3-4 goalies
- **Group Leaders:** Same as Phase 1
- **Evaluators:** Same as Phase 1
- **Sessions:** 1 on ice session and 1 off ice session.
- **On ice:** 20-25 minutes of small area games followed by a 25-minute game.
- **Off ice:** Teamwork exercises.

Phase 3

More releases are made following Phase 2. Tiered group becomes preliminary teams. Preliminary teams will practice and play exhibition games. Releases may occur at any point moving forward.

- **Group Sizes:** 15-23 skaters + 2-3 goalies
- **Group Leaders:** Same as Phase 1
- **Evaluators/Team Selection:** Head coach + Group Leaders
- **Sessions:** Team practices + exhibition games

Note: For a head coach to be involved in the final selection process, their player must first be determined by the group leader to have earned a spot on the team.