

SGMHA is a non-profit, community hockey association for Elite and Tiered players within our specified boundaries with Hockey Alberta. PAC is a subcommittee that oversees the Elite program run by SGMHA for the season, they are not a separate entity as PAC teams are registered by SGMHA, and all participants and guardians of those participants follow the policies and bylaws of SGMHA. It oversees over 900 players and 54 teams. A lot of planning goes into running the program by volunteers during the summer based on the number of registrations. Ice contracts, League confirmation, development vendors, etc, are confirmed at the end of August beginning of Sept to ensure that the program ran is the best possible at the most efficient costs to try and keep the program affordable for the community.

The refund policy is in place as the Association cannot have players withdrawing at the last minute due to not making a specific team, as this can impact the running of the Association for the season. As the start of the season gets closer, decisions are made for players on the waitlist regarding if we will be able to accommodate them for the season, due to the number of draw zone players trying out, and how many are expected to make a team, if SGMHA does not feel it can accommodate those players then they are issued a Player Movement Form (PMF) to register and play with another Association sanctioned under Hockey Alberta. The players that are issued a PMF Form cannot be called back at the last minute to now register with SGMHA. The Refund policy ensures that there is no lost revenue for fixed costs already committed to, and that all players registered will have a team to play on.

There are some seasons where we have had 6-7 players withdraw within one division due to not making a PAC team. If a team does not have a minimum of 13 players and a goalie for the U13 to U18 divisions, then the team is dissolved. In the past the Association has been issued a fine due to having to dissolve a team at the last minute, as the league had to at the last-minute as well restructure their game schedule. SGMHA had to also turn players away that thought they had no place to play due to having too many players and then ended up not having enough players for the division teams.

When players register their guardians agree to the refund policy which has the below listed in it. The term Tryout in the refund policy refers to AA/AAA teams which are teams that players pay an extra fee to try out for.

- Refunds will NOT be issued for players who withdraw once they have stepped out on the ice for any prep skates/tryouts/evaluations. THIS INCLUDES PAC TRYOUTS
- When guardians register for a tryout for a PAC team, on the home page of the PAC website it states the following, which clearly states that PAC is not its own entity.
- Parkland Athletic Club is proud to provide a competitive level of hockey for all players that reside in its draw zone. The draw zone is listed under Spruce Grove in the ADM Model and the AA Model within Hockey Alberta. PAC currently hosts 10 teams in these divisions: U11AA, U13AAA/AA, U15AAA/AA, U16AA, U17AAA, U18AAA/AA
- As a subcommittee of Spruce Grove Minor Hockey Association, PAC strives to maintain transparency in terms of club operations for all members and their families.

On the tryout registration a further waiver is included and agreed to.

PAC WITHDRAWAL/REFUND POLICY:

1. As a committee under SGMHA, withdrawal/refunds related to players registered to a PAC team will follow the SGMHA Withdrawal/Refund Policy.
2. I have read and am aware of the refund Policy of SGMHA posted on the SGMHA website.

SGMHA Refund Policy:

There are exceptions to the refund policy between Aug 15 and before a player steps out on the ice that will determine what if any funds will be refunded, however once a player steps out on the ice, the only time a refund would be issued is if they are injured and have a doctor's note they cannot continue for the season, move away, or make another elite team under the AA/AAA model regulations.