

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS A GRADUATING MINOR MIDGET PLAYER

U18 AAA HOCKEY



Alliance Hockey

Goals and objectives



- To highlight the benefits of the Midget AAA program
- To retain Minor Midget AAA players in Major Midget AAA Programming
- To have an ALLIANCE Hockey team challenge each year for the TELUS Cup National Championship
 - Best Finish – London Jr. Knights 2011 National TELUS Cup Silver Medalists (Newfoundland)
- To allow the boys to develop as hockey players
- To graduate every player to a higher level
- To create a working relationship with Junior A & B hockey in each one of our Centres

After Minor Midget



One of the most often asked questions after the Minor Midget Season is:

“Now What?”

The next few slides are designed to assist the 16 year old player following their OHL Draft year.

What Options are out there for a 16 Year old Hockey Player?



The key to continuing to develop as an elite hockey player is finding a level of competition where you are going to play consistently and competitively.

Various Options...



- Ontario Hockey League (OHL)
- Provincial Jr. A (OJHL and CCHL)
- Jr. B (GOJHL)
- Midget AAA
- Jr. C (PJHL)
- High School Hockey
- Out of zone hockey (Prep schools, USHL, BCHL)



Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL)

- 24 team loop
- Considered highest caliber outside OHL
- Kingston to Niagara to North Bay
- Local players are eligible
- Usually billeted
- League Registration Fee per player, comparable to Minor Hockey or more
- Primarily ex OHL players, 19 & 20 yr olds

Greater Ontario Jr Hockey League (GOJHL)



- 24 team loop
- Windsor to Niagara to Guelph
- Top teams comparable to Provincial Jr. A
- Excellence in coaching and organization
- Registration cost of roughly \$700.00 to play
- Difficult for 16 Year old to be involved in all Situations



Provincial Jr Hockey League (PJHL)

- Primarily 19, 20, 21 yr. olds
- 1 practice a week, usually optional
- Beware of typical “Young Adult” issues
- Registration Cost of roughly \$350.00 to play
- Virtually no first year midgets
 - one local allowed per team Local Designation
- Often an option for 17 year olds

Junior Hockey – additional notes



- PP/PK time in Junior reserved for top 6 forwards and top 4 defense
- Back-up goalies in Junior play 10-14 games per season with no playoffs
- Jr. B teams permitted to have only 2, 16 year olds, Jr. C teams 1 16 year old
- Jr. A, B teams can average 16 year olds, amongst their specific leagues
- **You can't develop on the bench or in the stands**
- **You can't develop without regular practices**



High School

- Varying number of teams in Waterloo Region
- This is NOT AAA hockey
- Limited/unqualified instruction
- Short season
- Poor officiating
- Schedule 16 to 20 games
- Low costs
- CWOSSA bars players from rep hockey
- Not a good step for advancement to Junior (2-5% succeed)



Outside of Ontario

- Prep schools, BCHL, USHL
- Outside of Hockey Canada jurisdiction
- Only for the highest caliber drafted players
- Good stream for Student Athletes
- May require partial funding
- Requires billeting

U18 (Midget) AAA Hockey





U18 AAA Hockey

- ALLIANCE Hockey graduates approx., 65% of Midget AAA to OHA Junior Hockey
- Junior-style game format
- OHL U18 Midget draft
- A recognized aspect of the Hockey Canada Development Model
- Freedom of Movement across ALLIANCE Hockey
- Competitive
 - 3 TELUS Regional silver medals in 4 years

Overview of ALLIANCE Hockey U18 AAA League



Schedule

- 8 Team league
- 35 game schedule
- Junior style game format:
 - 3 - 20 minute periods
 - O/T 5 minute 3 on 3, followed by shoot-out
 - 4-official system
- Hockey TV game streaming (starting 2018-19)
- Full Stats Package (Individual Statistics)

Overview of ALLIANCE Hockey

U18 AAA League



Programming

- 7 of 8 teams provide exclusive, professional club room atmosphere (Elgin-Middlesex plans to build)
- Minimum 2-90 minute practices per week
- Coaches High Performance 1 Certified or Trained
- Off ice conditioning program
- Accredited training staff
- Junior affiliation program with Jr. B Teams
 - NOTE: 16 year olds who choose to play Jr. C cannot affiliate to Jr. B

2000 Born Minor Midget Players – Where did they go?



213 Minor Midget AAA Players at 2000 Birthdate

Year	Midget AAA	OHL	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Prep School (US/CAN)	AA & Lower
2016/17	106 (10)	6	1	16	3		
2017/18	21	3		42	32	3	6

49.7% of Minor Midget AAA played Midget AAA (10) – Drafted players that came back to play Midget AAA

- 21 of the 106 2000 DOB's returned to play Alliance Midget AAA
- Graduated 72% to Junior Hockey
- Graduated 40% to Jr B
- Graduated 30 to Jr C
- 14 Players were drafted in the 2017 OHL U18 Draft

Midget AAA Players in 2016/17 – Where did they go?



153 Midget AAA Players in 2016/17

Year	Midget AAA	OHL	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Prep School (US/CAN)	AA & Lower	Other
2017/18	25	3	2	49	45	4	5	20

86% Continued playing hockey after 2016/17 season

- 153 Midget AAA Players in 2016/17 Season
 - Graduated 65% to Junior Hockey
 - 32% to Jr B
 - 30% to Jr C
 - 16% Returned to Midget AAA

2017 OHL U18 Draft Results



- 14 Players from ALLIANCE Hockey drafted over 5 Rounds

Round	Overall	Team	Name	Pos	MHA	Currently Playing
1	2	Guelph	Walker, James	G	Windsor Midget AAA	LaSalle Jr B
1	5	Niagara	Abouzeeni, Abdul	RD	Windsor Midget AAA	LaSalle Jr B
2	36	Windsor	Pizzuto, Gianluca	LD	Windsor Midget AAA	LaSalle Jr B
2	29	Flint	Pearson, Kaleb	RW	Huron-Perth Midget AAA	Stratford Jr B
2	24	Saginaw	Ferguson, Evan	LW	Windsor Midget AAA	LaSalle Jr B
2	31	Kingston	Trusler, Alec	LD	Lambton Midget AAA	Sarnia Jr B
2	28	Sarnia	Jakovljevic, Marko	LD	Brantford Midget AAA	Sarnia OHL
2	35	Peterborough	Israels, Liam	RD	London Midget AAA	Strathroy Jr B
3	51	Kingston	Fox, Griffen	C	Brantford Midget AAA	Thorald Jr B
3	57	London	Beneteau, Tyler	LD	Windsor Midget AAA	Chatham Jr B
4	68	Sarnia	Rombouts, Cameron	LW	Lambton Midget AAA	Strathroy Jr B
4	69	Flint	Chappelle, Kailem	G	Cambridge Midget AAA	Waterloo Jr B
4	71	Kingston	Kiteley, Cohen	F	London Midget AAA	London Jr B
5	82	Guelph	Driscoll, Devon	RD	Huron-Perth Midget AAA	Cambridge AAA

2018 U18 Draft Results



- 10 Players from ALLIANCE Hockey Drafted over 3 Rounds

Round	Overall	Team	Name	Pos	MHA
1	11	Oshawa	Polidori, Ryan	G	Windsor Jr Spitfires Midget AAA
1	14	London	McCabe, Riley	G	Waterloo Wolves Midget AAA
1	15	Owen Sound	Wilson, Griffin	C	Huron-Perth Lakers Midget AAA
2	21	Sudbury	McAllister, Ryan	LW	London Jr. Knights Midget AAA
2	22	Flint	Oldham, Russ	LW	Huron-Perth Lakers Midget AAA
2	23	Peterborough	Curtin, Kyle	G	Brantford 99ers Midget AAA
2	32	Niagara	Code, Jacob	RW	Waterloo Wolves Midget AAA
2	35	Owen Sound	Letang, Ayden	LW	Lambton Jr. Sting Midget AAA
3	41	Sudbury	Zekelman, Jack	LD	Windsor Jr. Spitfires Midget AAA
3	44	Guelph	Mabey, David	LD	Waterloo Wolves Midget AAA

ALLIANCE Hockey U18 AAA Success Stories...



Name	MHA	Midget Hockey	Next Level
Steven Lorentz	Waterloo Wolves	2012/13 Midget AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/2017 Peterborough Petes OHL • Drafted 7th Round Carolina Hurricanes • Currently in AHL/ECHL
Cristiano DiGiacinto	Hamilton Huskies	2012/13 Midget AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/2017 Windsor Spitfires OHL • Drafted 6th Round Tampa Bay Lightning • 2017 Memorial Cup Champion • Currently with Acadia University (U Sports)
Tyler Wall	Sun County Panthers	2014/15 Midget AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 GOJHL Rookie of the Year • Currently Playing for Umass-Lowell NCAA D1 • Drafted 6th Round New York Rangers
Marko Jakovljevic	Brantford 99ers	2016/17 Midget AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted 2nd Round 28th overall by Sarnia Sting OHL in U18 Draft • Currently playing for Sarnia Sting 2017/present
Daniel Murphy	Brantford 99ers	2016/17 Midget AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor midget first year of AAA • Drafted 15th Round 301st Overall (last pick) • Currently playing for Erie Otters 2017/Present

As a 16-yr old, where should YOU play?



Your situation	Where best to play
Drafted by an OHL team	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) OHL2) Jr A/B affiliate3) Midget AAA
Drafted and released, or missed the draft and want to play competitive Junior Hockey (at 16)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Try out for Junior A/B2) Midget AAA
Want to develop for OHL, Junior, US College	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Midget AAA
Want to develop as a player, but not for OHL, Jr, or College	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Midget AAA2) Midget AA
Recreational only	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) High school + AA/A or Rec league (if AA is not an option in your area)