



PLAYER EVALUATION AND TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

It is understood that no evaluation process is perfect, but HCMHA strives to evaluate players in a manner that is as objective, fair, and accurate as possible. We aim to provide each player with the opportunity to play on a team that best matches his or her skill level.

HCMHA must follow Hockey Alberta and CAHL guidelines for team sizes and entering teams into tiers according to CAHL guidelines.

Team Selection Process

HCMHA works with third-party evaluators to ensure a professional and unbiased evaluation process. Intro to Hockey U9 Players will receive 2 on-ice evaluation sessions, a mix of skills sessions and gameplay. Players in U11, U13, and U15 will be evaluated with 1 on-ice skills session and 2 on-ice game sessions. U18 Players will be evaluated with up to 3 on-ice game sessions to determine team placements.

A player **MUST ATTEND 2/3** of the on-ice evaluation sessions to be eligible for higher/highest level team placement. If a player misses more than 1 one ice session, said player will be placed on the a/the lower-placed team (e.g., if an A and B Team are options, a player that does not attend 2/3 evaluation sessions will be placed on the B Team).

Players in U9 who have 2 on-ice evaluation sessions **MUST attend 1/2** evaluation sessions to be eligible for higher/highest-level team placement.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS

1. Parents may request that their children be placed on the lower-tiered team if they believe it will better serve the child's interests. Requests must be in writing and sent to a board member **BEFORE** evaluations.
2. Parents may request that siblings (who are in the same age division) play on the same team. **The players will still be evaluated**, and if skill levels are adequately matched, the siblings will be placed on the same team.
3. Over Age Players: Sometimes, the association or a parent may identify a child not ready to play in their designated age division. The parent may seek permission from Hockey Alberta and CAHL via the Board of Directors to have the child play down a division. Strict criteria must be met to allow a player to "over-age." If you feel your child should be over-aged, contact the Registrar for more information. Over-age players are not eligible to play in provincials.
4. Parents must wait **24 hours** after team announcements to ask an HCMHA Board Member where their child ranked during evaluations. They will be given their child's number (12th out of 28 skaters, for example), as that is the only information received from evaluators. The Board of Directors will dispose of player ranking information after forming teams.



Unevaluated Players

1. Players who cannot attend evaluations because of significant medical issues, emergency reasons or other extenuating circumstances may submit a request for an individual evaluation AFTER the teams are selected. The board of directors will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis and will be dependent on the division teams' space. If a request is granted, the evaluation will be done by individuals of the Board of Directors' choosing.

U11-U18 GOALIE EVALUATIONS

At the U11 level, players choosing to play in net for the season will be designated as goalies and must be evaluated as goalies during the evaluation process to play as goalies during the season. Goalies at the U11 level may play as positional players when not in the net if there is more than 1 goalie per team. This is at the coach's discretion.

At the U13 level and above, as per Hockey Canada, goalies must be designated. Players who are evaluated as goalies will be the designated goalies for whichever team they are placed on. They cannot play as positional players. All designated goalies will be expected to be dressed as goalies for each game, but they

may not play each game.

GOALIE EVALUATION BREAKDOWN

- a. 1 Goalie Evaluating - Evaluates as goalie

That goalie will be placed on the higher team.

- b. 2 Goalies Evaluating - Evaluate as goalies

One will be placed on the higher team, and one will be placed on the lower team.

- C. 3 Goalies Evaluating - Evaluate as goalies

One goalie will be placed on the higher team, and two will be placed on the lower team. This will allow the higher-placed team to affiliate a goalie from the lower-placed team in case of injury or illness.

- D. 4 Goalies Evaluating - Evaluate as goalies

Two will be placed on the higher team, and two will be placed on the lower team.

