



NCMYH



Player Evaluation Process and Placement

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Player evaluation and placement, like player development is, is a process—*effective management of the process will make our player's experience in hockey a more positive one.*

Objectives of a Player Evaluation

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of the player's total hockey skills during the skating and scrimmage sessions.
- To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being placed on a team that is appropriate to their skill levels.
- To provide consistency and uniformity in the evaluation process so that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year.
- To form teams to maintain balanced and competitive play where the athletes can develop and participate equitably and most importantly have fun playing hockey during the season.

The Process

Evaluators

1. On-ice coaches to direct players through the session
2. Off-ice evaluators who will be responsible to evaluate every player on the ice during the time allotted. There may be on-ice evaluators depending on the situation.
3. Off-ice administrators who will be responsible for tracking evaluations

In order to give each and every player a fair opportunity to exhibit the range of skills that they possess they will be evaluated in both skill and scrimmage

- Skills they will be evaluated on:
 1. Edges (stops, starts, turns & transition)
 2. Forward skating
 3. Backward skating
 4. Puck control and passing
 5. Shooting
- Scrimmage
 - Hockey Sense and Positioning
 - Game Performance

Goalies

- Anyone who wishes to be evaluated as a goaltender can indicate this at the time of registration.
- If there are more goalies evaluating than teams at that level, some teams may receive 2 goaltenders.
 - If there are 2 goalies placed on a team, they will share equal net time in all the practices and games. Games may be split or a “play one-sit one” rotation can be used. This will be a decision that will be made by the coach and goalies.
- At the mite level, all players will evaluate as players as it is encouraged that all teams give every player who wants a chance to play goaltender the opportunity to do so.
- The goalie participates in a goaltending evaluation with a specific focus on movement, skating, and skills. Evaluators will use these areas to develop their ratings.

The player is given a score for each of the aspects of the game as he/she has demonstrated over the course of the 2 sessions. The score is totaled for all players in the division and the teams are divided based on ability. In the event of a tie score, the following information will be used:

Current year Coach’s input, board discretion, puckhandling score, skating score, etc.

- Full equipment is always mandatory and this includes:
 - Protective cup
 - Shin pads
 - Hockey pants
 - Shoulder pads
 - Elbow pads
 - Skates
 - Hockey gloves hockey stick
 - USA hockey approved helmet and full shield
 - Mouth guard (Pee Wee & up)

Player placement on a team will be based on the following information:

- A minimum of (2) sessions of on ice evaluations of players utilizing the evaluation criteria forms
- Current Coach supplied player rating forms. To be completed prior to evaluations by all coaches on that team and signed by all coaches on that team.
- Upon completion of all evaluation sessions the scores will be collected and organized to match the pinney number of the participant to his/her name. The NCMYH Evaluation Committee will hold a meeting to determine the number of teams for each level based on the registrations. Once the number of teams is decided, the players in each level are placed according to the evaluation from highest to lowest.
- The 1st team in a level will be made using the top 2/3 of the team size directly from the evaluation list. The remaining number of players will be decided by the coaches selected for that team. The coaches will be given a pool no greater than double the number of players needed to fulfill their predetermined number. The pool will be the next group on the list after the top number of kids. This process will be continued until all players are placed on a team for that level.
- The initial teams will be presented to the NCMYH Board of Directors for final review.
- Final review of the team placements will occur to identify any placements that additional review may be required. Instances that may warrant review include:
 - Players that moved up or down from the prior season. Example: Mite 4 placed on Squirt 1 for Squirt 1 selected to PeeWee 3. Discussions with current coaches may be necessary to verify changes.
- The lower teams in each level will have more players allowing for player movement once the season starts for the following reasons:
 - *New sign ups*
 - *Players identified at the beginning of the season as being misplaced or who have improved dramatically over the off season.*
 - *Adjustments may be made for best team composition to ensure adequate forward and defense players.*

After the teams have been finalized the parents will be notified *via email*.

Registration

1. Players are registered on a first come—first served basis with each player being added to the list in the order that they registered. Registration begins during the final weeks of the season for the following year.
2. All registered players are invited to evaluation for the purpose of trying out for a travel team. Any families with outstanding tuition for any player will not be allowed to register any players for the following season until all outstanding tuition is paid. The registration fee is applied toward the following season's tuition if the player joins. Registration is also required through USA Hockey on an annual basis prior to first scheduled ice time. Players are not allowed on the ice until the club has received their USA Hockey Registration. The fee for this is paid by the member.
3. Registration for travel teams will be accepted until October 15 of each year. Registrations received after October 15 may be assigned to the House Hockey program and allowed to be placed on a waitlist should an opening on travel hockey occur. The wait list will be on a first come, first served basis.
4. The Board will review registrations received after evaluations on a case by case basis. An evaluation of the late registrant will occur and placement will be made on a house or travel team.

Team Size and Composition

1. Composition of teams will be determined by the Board's best projection of demand, based on the number of registrants at the time of evaluations.
2. The Board will make every effort to make all teams equal in size.
3. Teams may be added or disbanded at any point.
4. In season, teams will consist of a minimum of ten (10) players and one (1) goalie and a maximum of fifteen (15) players and two (2) goalies. Any deviation from this structure shall require approval from the Board.
5. At no time should teams at the same age level have a numerical discrepancy of greater than three (3) players.
6. If a registered player is evaluated and placed on a travel team, but does not start playing with that travel team by October 1, the player shall forfeit their spot on that travel team. This rule shall not apply to players who are out due to injury. Any deviation from this rule shall be determined by the Board after considering input from the effected coach.

