



MYHA Team Selection Process

The Board of Directors and the Selection Committee, in an effort to be transparent, wishes to share the current team selection process which is as follows:

Coaches Evaluations

We have a minimum of three (3) coaches from each team fill out a detailed evaluation for each player on the team. **No coach evaluates his or her own child at any time during this process.** MYHA only uses internal evaluations of players in the program. The coaches are instructed to fill out the evaluations independently and without consulting one another to return them to a secure email account upon completion at the end of the season. On these evaluations the coaches are asked to score each player in a number of categories, including:

- Skating Skills (stride mechanics, edge control, speed, forwards, backwards, turning etc.)
- Puck Control Skills (Stickhandling, shooting, passing, open ice skating etc)
- Game Skills (Hockey sense, compete level, teamwork, tactics etc.)
- Attendance, Effort & Behavior

The coach's children are ranked based on an average score of the other coaches.

Open Tryout Process

The other part of the selection process is the open tryouts. We have two (2) one-hour sessions for each level. Three (3) selectors evaluate each player. **A selector will not be assigned to a level in which he/she has a child trying out.** In fact, in most instances, we do not have a selector at a level where they have coached the year before. The selectors score the players independently and turn in their sheets after each tryout. The goal of this process is to see and rank players who are not currently on the same teams in game and individual skills for a broader look at the total age level for the coming season.

Team Selections

The Selection Committee is comprised of between 8 and 10 MYHA board members. **Selection Committee members do not participate in the selection or placement of their own child at any time.** The Committee reviews the data collected from internal program coaches evaluations and the independent selector evaluations. The Selection Committee will have six (6) independent evaluations of your son or daughter (minimum three (3) from coaches and three (3) from tryout selectors). The Committee reviews each selection extensively and in great detail. There is no precise mathematical formula used to come up with the final team placement; however there is a greater weight applied to the coaches independent scores and comments over the tryout rankings. The basis for this concept is that coaches have the opportunity to experience these players for an entire season and the tryout selectors get to observe these players for two (2) open tryout sessions. We believe this is only fair and equitable for every player.

As part of its goal of player development, MYHA creates teams of similarly-skilled players. Because of fluctuations in the numbers of players and teams from year to year, a player, from one year to the next, may advance (e.g., move from an A team to a AA team), stay on the same level team (e.g., stay on the same AA team for two seasons in a row), or move from a higher level team to a lower level team (e.g., move from an AAA team to a AA team).

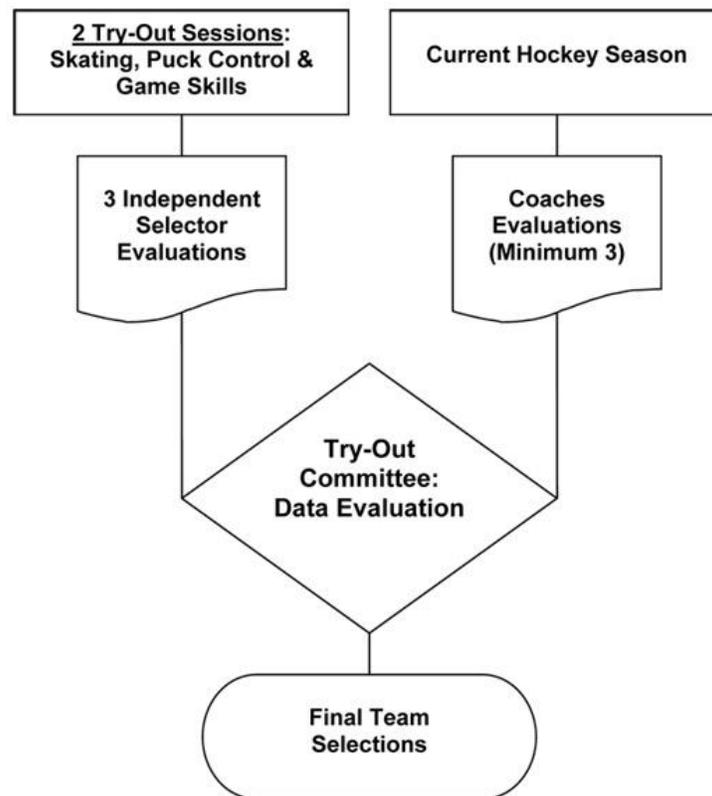
Only after the teams are picked do we look to assign coaches for each team. **MYHA will never make decisions about a player's placement based on coaching assignments or coaching needs.**

We hope this answers some of your questions about this critical process we implement after each season. If you have additional questions please contact the President of MYHA by email.

**MYHA Board of Directors
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MYHA Team Selection Process Flow Chart



*If a player did not participate in MYHA the year prior there will be no coaches evaluation.