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Carstairs Minor Hockey Association Evaluation Procedures 2023-2024 Hockey Season



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Mission Statement

The evaluation process, as with all CMHA activities, is guided by the following mission statement of CMHA:

CMHA is committed to providing players with an opportunity to grow as individuals and gain self-esteem through a positive hockey experience that emphasizes fun, participation, development, safety, and respect. CMHA will strive to accomplish these goals in a consistent, transparent, and collaborative environment that encourages the participation of players, coaches, and parents.

Evaluation Policy and Procedures

The CMHA evaluation procedures are to be applied in accordance with this policy. This policy has been approved by the CMHA board of directors and may be amended, as necessary.

Evaluation Committee

The Director of Player Development is the CMHA evaluation director and a member of the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee also includes the President and Vice President(s) from the Executive of the Carstairs Minor Hockey Association.

The Evaluation Committee has the authority to make decisions during the evaluation process to ensure the evaluation process is carried out in a fair manner. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee during the evaluation process are final.

Grievance Process

Carstairs Minor Hockey Association has an established Policy and Process to deal with Grievances related to the placement of a child during the evaluation process. If a parent does not agree with their placement of their child, the parent may submit a grievance in writing in accordance with Section 1.19 of Carstairs Minor Hockey Association Policy F "Hockey Operations". Absolutely no complaints or grievances will be heard outside of that established process.



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Initial Placement for Timed Skills Session #1

For the U9 - U11 age groups, players will be placed into evaluation groups Alphabetically and in various sizes depending on enrollment numbers

Evaluation Player Movement

The evaluation process is structured to allow players to move groups. **Players may be moved from a group at any time during the evaluation process.** This may happen before, during or after an evaluation session.

Player Placement

The CMHA and Evaluation Committee will have the sole discretion as it relates to Player Placement. The Carstairs Minor Hockey Association has an established Policy as it relates to Player Movement Requests contained within Policy F "Hockey Operations". Specifically, for parents seeking player movement to accommodate multiple children playing on the same team, parents are encouraged to review and adhere to Section 1.17 of Policy F.

U11 – HADP (AA) Released Players

CMHA respects the Alberta Hockey HADP evaluation process. With that being said, parents are notified that external evaluation processes do not carry weighting or merit in relation to Carstairs Minor Hockey evaluation processes and therefore players that are affiliated with a HADP team will still be required to participate in the evaluation process and will be placed according to the CMHA evaluation process.

Absent Player Placement

Injured and absent players will be treated fairly as possible and in accordance with Section 1.18 of Carstairs Minor Hockey Association Policy F "Hockey Operations". As outlined within that Policy, the Evaluation Committee will consider several factors, including the level that the player played in the previous season, the coach's input (if available) from the previous season, and what team other similarly ranked players might be on. The decision of the Evaluation Committee will be final.

Positions

In the U9 age group positions will not be assigned to players during evaluations..

In the U11 age group, players will be assigned a position by the volunteer working the bench. The player is expected to play the position they are assigned for that respective shift. The bench staff will track what position each player has played, ensuring every player gets an equal rotation at the forward and defense positions. Players are to be evaluated for those shifts based on the position that they line up for at the face-off. If a player lines up to play defense at the face-off, then he or she will be evaluated for their defensive skill set during that shift.



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Goalkeepers may declare their position in U11 only and be evaluated within the criteria for that position.

Transparency and Impartiality

The evaluation process will be fair to all players and as transparent and impartial as reasonably possible.

Under absolutely no circumstance will a parent evaluate their child nor in an age category in which they have a child.

The CMHA evaluation guidelines will be posted on the CMHA website to help parents and players understand the evaluation process. The Director of Player Development will be available to any parent that has a question about the evaluation process.

To maintain impartiality, prior to the commencement of the evaluation process, each player will be identified by a number. The evaluation numbers will be randomly selected as players arrive to the first evaluation session. Each player will be evaluated according to their number and evaluation results will be posted at the end of Session #4.

Players will not be permitted to tuck their jerseys into their pants for evaluations.

Volunteer Requirements

The CMHA evaluation system requires a tremendous amount of volunteer assistance for it to be successful. As such, CMHA has adopted various measures to ensure there are sufficient volunteers to evaluate players and assist with running evaluations.

Suspensions

Any player who receives a major penalty resulting in a game ejection during an evaluated ice session will be given a "0" score for that session subject to review by the Discipline and Evaluation Committee. The Director of Player Development, CMHA executive members, as well as the officials, have the right to eject players based on their on-ice actions.

Evaluators

Before the commencement of the evaluation process, a meeting will be organized by the Evaluation Committee with the evaluators to outline the CMHA evaluation policy and procedures and objectives of the evaluation process. Evaluation templates/Drills will be posted on the website by September 1 annually.

Evaluators will **not be** advised of the names of any players and will only be provided with the evaluation numbers of players. Each evaluator will be provided with an electronic evaluation sheet which he or she will be required to complete and submit immediately following the evaluation session. Each evaluator will provide their evaluation of players according to their evaluation number. The electronic evaluation sheets will be maintained by the Director of Hockey Development and remain confidential to anyone outside the



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Evaluation Committee.

U9-U11 Team Balancing Process

Following Session #1 Timed Skills, The Evaluation Committee will sit as a group and review the scores from Session #1. From these scores, an attempt to make even skill teams for Session #2 Scrimmages will be made. These will be posted 24hrs before Session #2 scrimmage begins.

Following Session #2 Scrimmage the Evaluation Committee will sit as a group and review the average scores from the first 2 sessions. Based on those results if there is a clear indication of score separation from the top to the bottom we will remove those players with the top scores and assign them to the A team before Session #3/#4 and remove them from Session #3/#4 game(s) to allow any players in a "bubble" position to have more ice and opportunity to try and improve their score. This will result in a team "re-shuffle" which will be posted before the #3/#4 Scrimmages

U7 - Evaluation Process

There are no "try-outs" or grievances for U7. U7 will focus on fun and games to get the players comfortable with the surroundings in an effort to make the first hockey experience for these players enjoyable. The U7 age group will take part in a single development session where the teams will be split evenly in accordance with enrollment numbers and skills by the Evaluations Committee.

U9 - Evaluation Process

Each player will take part in four preparation skate sessions prior to taking part in the four evaluation sessions. These preparation skate sessions are optional, and players will be grouped randomly. The focus of these ice times will be on learning the drills for evaluations and skill development for gameplay. No evaluations will be taken during these sessions.

Session #1 Timed Skills

- Please see the document *CMHA Timed Skills Evaluation Information Package* for up-to-date information

Session #2, #3 and #4 Scrimmages

- Players will complete 3 scrimmages (games) in total
- Games will be 4 vs 4
- Ice will be $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ (when available) in size and separated with boards to allow both benches to be used
- Each game will have 2 periods of 25 minutes unless otherwise changed by the Evaluation Committee
- Continuous play with face-offs at the start of periods only
- No penalties but on-ice official/coach will give verbal warnings when needed
- Each Scrimmage will have one on-ice Official/Coach
- There will be no coaching on the bench or the ice
- Shifts will be on the buzzer set for 1:30 minutes



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U11-Evaluation Process

Each player will take part in four preparation skate sessions prior to taking part in the four evaluation sessions. These preparation skate sessions are optional, and players will be grouped randomly. The focus of these ice times will be on learning the drills for evaluations and skill development for gameplay. No evaluations will be taken during these sessions.

Session #1 Timed Skills

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Session #2, #3 and #4 Scrimmages

- Players will complete 3 scrimmages (games) in total
- Scrimmages will be played 5v5
- Game will be played at full ice
- Each game will have 3 periods of 20 minutes no stop unless otherwise changed by the Evaluation Committee
- Penalties will be called, in lieu of powerplays the player on who the infraction occurs will be rewarded a penalty shot. Substitutes are not permitted for penalty shots. All Players may chase the shooter from the blue line when the whistle is blown
- Offsides will be called verbally or by whistle by the on-ice official/coach. All attacking players must clear the offensive zone to the neutral zone before re-attacking. The puck will be turned over to the other team
- When a goalie freezes the puck the on-ice official/coach will blow the whistle and the attacking team must clear the offensive zone into the neutral zone
- Icings will not be called.
- Each game will have 1 on-ice officials/coaches
- There will be no two-line passes called
- There will be no coaching on the bench or Ice
- Shifts will be on the Buzzer set for 1:30 minutes
- Face-offs after a stoppage in play (Goals) and at the beginning of periods at center ice
- Positions will be assigned on the bench while being recorded and rotated evenly

U11- Goalie Evaluation Process

In U11 and above, players can play goal on a full-time basis. Where possible, independent goalie evaluators will be contracted to assist with the evaluation of goalies; however, as with players, parents/coaches may evaluate goalies. Like with players, under absolutely no circumstance will a parent evaluate their child, and under no circumstance will a parent evaluate in an age category in which they have a child.



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Female Hockey Evaluation Process

In the event that an evaluation process is required for the Female Hockey Program, it will align with the procedure and criteria as outlined for U11 as closely as possible with minimal adjustments at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee.