



Evaluation Guidelines

Preseeding

- Timbits initial sorts for the first ice session shall be done alphabetically
- Novice, will follow the NDL program, some verifications may be required to ensure on ice equalization.
- Atom players will be pre-seeded for the first ice time based on the team that they played on last year in SMHA. If they are new to SMHA this season they will be placed in groups as decided by the Age Group Coordinator. Last year's Novice 1 players and Atom 5,6,7 & 8 2nd year players that are not already seeded in Group A will have the right to attend a challenge session to earn the right to start in Group A for the first session. Those who attend the "challenge session" and do not get selected to start in Group A will start evaluations in the original group that they would have been seeded in for the first ice time. There is a cost associated with participating in the challenge session. TBD
- Pee Wee players will be pre-seeded for the first ice time based on the team that they played on last year in SMHA. If they are new to SMHA this season they will be placed in groups as decided by the Age Group Coordinator. Last year's Atom 1 and 2 players and PW 5&6 2nd year players that are not already seeded in Group A will have the right to attend a challenge session to earn the right to start in Group A for the first session. Those who attend the "challenge session" and do not get selected to start in Group A will start evaluations in the original group that they would have been seeded in for the first ice time. There is a cost associated with participating in the challenge sessions. TBD
- Bantam and Midget will be pre-seeded by the previous year's team that was played on to determine the Group that the player will start in for the first ice time

- Jr C will run it's own evaluation as required, with input and support from the SMHA Executive

Evaluators

- Evaluators will be recommended by the Age Group Coordinator for approval by the SMHA Executive
- Evaluators will be selected using the following criteria:
 - Independent evaluators will be utilized where possible providing they have the appropriate age level hockey knowledge and can commit to all ice sessions
 - Non-independent evaluators shall 1) represent the entire spectrum of skill level across the age group, 2) have advanced hockey skills and knowledge and be able to determine subtle differences in skill development, 3) known to be fair and objective minded, 4) commit to attend all ice sessions
- Evaluators (or age group coordinator) will explain to the players what the objective/criteria is for each ice time and how the kids will be scored

Evaluation Sessions

- Player movement can be up or down, players may still move between groups through out evaluations.
- Timbits, on ice sessions will be a mix of skills and fun game play. Actual on ice sessions to be developed by the age group coordinator.
- Novice, will follow the NDL guidelines
- Atom will be a mix of skills and game play with progressively more game play as the session's progress. Actual on ice sessions to be developed by the age group coordinator.
- There will be full contact during evaluations for Pee Wee players and above
- Evaluation ice times will be primarily game play for Pee Wee age players and above
- Players that are Pee Wee and above will be evaluated by position; however, there may not always be the same number of players by position on each team.