



Goalie Placement Program Guidelines

Position Summary and Roles:

Age Group Board Liaison (U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)

Role descriptions- document to be attached soon

The Board Liaison is a critical governance role that serves as the bridge between the SMHA Board of Directors and the operational Age Group leadership. Working in conjunction with the Lead Age Group Coordinator (AGC), the Liaison provides oversight, ensures policy compliance, and facilitates official Board approvals for teams and coaching staff. They act as a high-level advisor and the final point of escalation for age-group-specific issues.

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE: The Board Liaison is responsible for verifying that the Lead AGC and AGCC follow all executive protocols. While they review rankings and recommendations, their primary focus is ensuring and securing Board approval for finalized team rosters and coaching appointments.

Goaltender Coordinator (U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)

The Goaltender Coordinator is a specialized leadership role responsible for the oversight of goaltender evaluations, placement, and ongoing development within SMHA. This role ensures that goaltender-specific evaluation sessions are professionally managed and that goaltenders receive specialized development opportunities throughout the season. They serve as a technical resource for both the Board and age-group leadership.

TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT & DEVELOPMENT: The Goaltender Coordinator ensures that goalie evaluations are distinct and specialized.

Evaluators (U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)

Evaluators are critical volunteers, typically drawn from the Coach applicant pool, responsible for providing impartial, objective, and expert assessments of player performance. This role is the foundation of the Goalie Placement Program (GPP), and its integrity depends on the evaluator's ability to remain neutral, observant, and disciplined throughout the evaluation process.

EVALUATION INTEGRITY & CONDUCT: Evaluators must maintain isolation during

sessions. Sharing scores, discussing goalies with other evaluators, or displaying bias (cheering/pointing) is strictly prohibited. Evaluators must possess a level of hockey knowledge to ensure rankings are executed accurately and fairly. Evaluators do not register any scores for their own child.

GPP Goal:

The goal of the GPP is to fairly rank each Goalie to ensure each Goalie is placed in a division of players with like skill sets. If we have 15 goalies registered in an age group, we will use the GPP session to rank them from 1 to 15.

EVALUATION PROCESS:

GPP is broken out into two components: 1) goalie-only skills and 2) in-scrimmage PPP play

1) Goalie Only Skills Sessions

- Third-party hired goalie experts
- Goalie-specific skills session, designed by the hired 3rd party to identify a rank order of all goalies based on technical skills displayed

2) In Scrimmage PPP Goaltender evaluation

Each Age Group Goalie Coordinator will manage & execute the following:

- Select a group of evaluators. (To be approved by SMHA Executive)
- Schedule goalies into each PPP session based on the results of 1) Goalie Only Skills Session and the skills displayed in PPP sessions
- After each round of PPP assessment, Goalies will be ranked and re-grouped for the next sessions. (This is done with the Goalie Coordinator, Age Group Coordinator and Board Representative)

Placement of injured Goalie:

If a Goalie is unable to participate in any evaluation sessions due to injury, the Age Group Board representative requests coaches' rankings from SMHA Executive for the injured player and the comparable player or players from the previous team. Age Group Board representatives and the Goalie Coordinator will determine the best matched player participating in the GPP process to tie them to for Divisional placement. This placement is subject to review based on the severity of the injury; a player may be moved if deemed necessary.

Goalie missing a session:

In the event a goalie misses a session, no score will be recorded for that session. All other data recorded from sessions will be used for divisional placement.

DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT

Divisional placement is determined using an accumulation of all evaluation rankings from performance in part 2) In Scrimmage PPP Goaltender evaluation.

ALL DIVISIONAL PLACEMENTS ARE FINAL. NO REVIEW OR DISPUTE PROCESS