

City of Airdrie Minor Basketball



Player Evaluations: Guidelines & Expectations

Player evaluations are an important part of the successful formation of AMBA teams and allow for the objective “right sizing” of players based on their basketball skills. Placing players on a team outside of their skill level can lead to anxiety, frustration and negativity, all of which will result in a poor experience for players, parents and coaches alike.

“You were better than her.”

“They were playing favorites.”

“You should be on the #1 team, not the #2 team. I know this as I have played / coached basketball before.”

These are some of the comments we hear each year both during and after the evaluation process. The parent’s role during the evaluation process is to be positive and supportive of the player – trust the role that our evaluators play during evaluations, keep long term development and a growth mindset at the forefront, and encourage your player to be the best they can be and enjoy the experience as much as possible.

In past seasons and despite the recommendations detailed above, it unfortunately has become apparent that having parents / spectators in the gym while evaluations are being conducted leads to a distracting and at times negative environment for both players and evaluators. This is not in the best interest of anyone and is in contrast to the goals and values of the AMBA.

*****In order to remove this element from the evaluation process, please make note of the following policy which will be implemented for our 2018 – 2019 season evaluations. This policy is applicable to specific divisions only as detailed below:*****

Mini Travel, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile: Evaluations will be open to players, evaluators, AMBA Board members and AMBA approved participants only. Parents, family members and spectators are *not* permitted in the gymnasium while evaluations are in progress.

Other AMBA divisions: Evaluations will be open to evaluators, parents, family members and spectators.

By registering your player(s) with the AMBA, you agree to abide by this policy and understand that all decisions made based on evaluations are final and not subject to appeal.

We wish all players the very best for the season ahead and thank all AMBA members for their support of minor basketball in Airdrie.