



# BROOKS MINOR HOCKEY



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RE: 2018 BMHA Evaluation Process.

**Dear Parent(s);**

Brooks Minor Hockey would like to welcome everyone to another exciting hockey season! The Evaluation Committee has been working create an evaluation process that meets the following objectives:

- fair evaluation of a player's hockey skills
- ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels
- provide consistency in the evaluation process such that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the association's programs
- form teams where the athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season
- eliminate political maneuvering and interference from the player selection process and let players be evaluated on their own individual skills and development.

## **Evaluation Process;**

Division Governors will provide you with your ice session schedule. The Division Governors will be available to help direct traffic, confirm attendance at the session, and answer any questions. Players are to check in with the division governor at least 30 minutes prior to each session in the arena lobby where your evaluation is at. Players will be given a jersey or colored pinnie at that time. These must be returned after each session. We respectfully ask that parents be out of the dressing rooms 15 minutes prior to each session, and the doors will then be locked. This will allow us the opportunity to make sure every athlete is in the right colored pinnie and number, and to go over any last-minute details. The first 10 minutes post Session; the doors will be kept locked, so we can collect all pinnies.

All players in the evaluation process will participate in on-ice sessions designed to evaluate their skills and understanding of the game. The evaluation sessions and practice plans will be designed to provide the very best conditions for the players to showcase their skills, and provide a fair opportunity for the player to be seen as often as possible and in as many situations as possible. Each division's number of ice sessions will be determined based upon registration numbers in the age category. All divisions will participate in a minimum of three ice sessions before any promotion or movement is made with players.

Evaluation rankings are based on a player's performance during the current evaluation process. Players will be evaluated based on individual skating, puck skills, checking skills, and hockey sense. Goaltenders will be evaluated based upon individual skating skills, save technique, recovery, and hockey sense. The criteria will vary depending on the age group and division level. The process involves combining all the players randomly in the division to ensure competitive groupings in the skates.

Players will be evaluated on a scale of 1-7 for player selection criteria. The scale meaning 7 - Exceptional, 6 -Great, 5- Good, 4-Above average, 3- average, 2 - Limited and 1 - Poor. An exceptional/dominant player would be considered an "impact" player. Such a player due to their overall ability would be capable of influencing a game. Players are "assigned" to the different levels based on evaluation committee skill sets and aggregate evaluation numbers. Players are not "cut". Players must be present for a minimum of two skates that are evaluated to be eligible for assignment to the top tiered team. In situations where injury or illness prevents an athlete from participation in evaluations, the evaluation committee will make decisions on athlete assignment on a per case basis.



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The sessions will be formatted as follows:

- The first ice session is not evaluated to provide players a stress-free environment when returning to start their season. The session will focus on skating, puck skills, and checking skills. Goaltenders focus will be on individual skating skills, save technique, and recovery. **Evaluators will not be present.**
- The second ice session will be evaluated and focus on skill application and games sense in a small area games session. Goaltenders are evaluated on skill application and games sense.
- The Third skate will consist of small area games. The players and goaltenders will then be ranked according to overall aggregate scores and skill level.
- Fourth and Fifth skate will consist of a scrimmage. The players and goaltenders will then be ranked according to overall aggregate scores and skill level.
- If additional skates are provided, the ice session will be an additional skill session.
- At the conclusion of the fourth & fifth skate players will be assigned to their groups for additional evaluation. Players will be notified by the Division Governors for future ice sessions.

**The process for each division will vary based on the number of participants and division level. Evaluations and ranking information will remain confidential and will not be shared with the public.**

## **Goaltenders:**

All players who wish to be a goaltender for the year from Atom to Midget will attend all sessions in their category dressed as goalie. As well they will attend a special Goalie Evaluation session. For Novice (intro 7/8), all players will evaluate as Skaters, as there are no full-time goaltenders in this division.

## **Positions:**

For Pee wee, Bantam and Midget, players are asked that they determine what position they plan on being evaluated for. Please pick the position you have the most confidence in so they are evaluated fairly, not the position you think you have the best chance of making the team in. For all Game Sessions, if there is a preferred position (F/D), please inform the room personnel and/or have the athlete inform their bench coach as well. It is not necessary to declare a position in Novice and Atom.

**Be aware, BMHA does not condone any forms of bullying during this process as well as during the minor hockey season.**

Should you have any questions, please contact your division Governor or consult the BMHA Evaluation Policy for more information <http://www.brooksminorhockey.com/>

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