

# HRI 2015/16 NOVICE EVALUATION & TEAM FORMATION PROCESS



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**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines and procedures for player evaluations and placement within the Novice Divisions.

To provide more enjoyment by practicing, learning and playing with players of similar skills, abilities and desires.

**OVERVIEW**

1. For Novice, the City will be a divided into four (4) equal zones based on registration numbers.
2. The number of players on each team will be determined by registration numbers. All teams within a zone must have no more than one player difference on roster by level. Example: Oiler- 13 players; Senator - 13 players; Canuck - 14 players. All teams in each zone must be balanced in numbers. Preferable team numbers for novice are 12-14 players per team. The exact roster size to be approved by the Division Director.
3. The Number of teams per zone will be determined by the following grid:

<b>#Teams/zone</b>	<b>Oiler</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Canuck</b>
<b>1</b>	1		
<b>2</b>	1	1	
<b>3</b>	1	1	1
<b>4</b>	1	2	1
<b>5</b>	2	2	1
<b>6</b>	2	2	2
<b>7</b>	2	3	2
<b>8</b>	2	4	2
<b>9</b>	3	3	3
<b>10</b>	3	4	3
<b>11</b>	3	5	3
<b>12</b>	4	5	3

4. To complete a successful evaluation of the players the following personnel will be required:
  - Evaluator coordinator – To co-ordinate, record and summarize all the evaluation forms of the evaluators. This person would be an independent (Division director or designate).
  - Evaluators – Included in this will be the short-listed coaches and independents.
  - Registration personnel – Two people to handle handing out jerseys and registration at initial ice session. Also they will need to be present for the final scrimmage portion of the evaluations. These can be parents from within the zone.
  - Bench persons – For the scrimmage portions, parents are needed to handle the gates/benches of both teams. A sign-up sheet will be at the registration desk at evaluations.
5. All player notification prior to the ice session will be done by e-mail.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Evaluations for Novice teams are open to all Novice aged hockey players that are, as per HRI regulations, registered with HRI and paid the appropriate evaluation fee.

## **EVALUATION PROCESS**

### **CRITERIA**

During the course of the evaluations, the evaluators will be evaluating and grading the players on criteria that includes the following:

- Skating – Acceleration, speed, mobility, balance, stride, crossovers, pivots.
- Puck control/passing – giving/receiving pass, presents a good target, heads up, good hands
- Shooting – Power, accuracy
- Compete level – can the player follow instruction, overall attitude towards the game, overall desire to compete
- Goalies will be evaluated on the following skills:
  - Balance – Good ready position
  - Mobility – Skating ability, reacts well to puck movement in zone
  - Quickness – Reacts well to shots, quick recovery
  - Concentration/Consistency – Alert, follows puck, able to make key saves

### **OVERVIEW**

1. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - Two (2) skill sessions
  - One (1) controlled scrimmages
2. For all sessions, the players will be divided into equal groups based on numbers.
3. All players will be given a jersey that they will use for the evaluations. At the conclusion of the evaluations, the players will return the jersey to the registration person.
4. All evaluators will be given a list of players/numbers for the ice session. Each evaluator will give all players one overall grade between 1 and 6. At the conclusion of each ice session, the evaluators will hand in their completed forms to the evaluator coordinator.
5. The evaluator coordinator will record all the grades for all the players. Each player will receive one single score between 1 and 6 based on the **AVERAGE** of **ALL** the evaluators' grades for all the sessions.
6. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.

**NOTE:** Any parent interfering in the evaluation process may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Each player will be assigned a final ranking of 1 to 6 to the nearest decimal point.
2. The Division Director will make-up the teams based on the final grades. Coaches will agree that the teams are of equal caliber before continuing.
3. Trades will only be allowed between players of equal rankings. The maximum amount of trades permitted for any one team will be three transactions of one player for another one player. A goalie can only be traded for other goalie.