



# **SALMON ARM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2017/2018 EVALUATION GUIDE**





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Dear Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Parents/Players;

Welcome to another SAMHA hockey season. Thank you for your registering to tryout for one of SAMHA's Representative or Development teams. At this time, we are hoping to field the following representative and development teams this season:

- Atom Development A and B
- Pee Wee Tier 2 and Tier 3
- Bantam Tier 3
- Midget Tier 3
- Female Bantam/Midget Rep

Note: Final team declarations will be made by the SAMHA Executive Board based on final registration numbers and calibre of players trying out.

The evaluation process can be a stressful time for players, parents and coaches. However, if approached right, the evaluation process can be much more than simply placing players on specific teams. At SAMHA, we believe the evaluation process can also be a tool in developing our players both on the ice (identify player/team strengths & weaknesses) and off the ice (character development and goal setting for the future).

The process and policies that are in place are designed to make evaluations fair to all players. Some people will be happy and others disappointed during this process; so we ask that you be prepared and help prepare your player during the times of re-assignments. We also ask that you respect the decisions made by the Evaluators and Head Coaches.

During the evaluation process, please do not interfere with the Evaluators. They have an important job to do and the less interruptions the better. If you have questions, please see myself or the coaching staff.

Prior to stepping onto the ice, SAMHA will require you to provide medical and contact information through the new Epect Emergency Network. Visit the SAMHA website and look for the Epect tab on the right hand side.

Every year, we strive to improve on our evaluation process. We hope you find this Evaluation Guide useful and that it helps to increase clarity on the SAMHA evaluation process.

Good luck to all of our players!

Yours truly,

Jeremy Menzies - SAMHA Coach Coordinator



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### OBJECTIVES OF PLAYER EVALUATION

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills during the skating and scrimmage sessions.
- To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels as determined during the on-ice evaluations of the current year.
- To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude.
- To provide uniformity and consistency in the evaluation process such that a player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of our association's programs.
- To form teams to maintain balanced and competitive play where the athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season.
- To provide feedback in order to develop players.

### TRYOUT PROCESS

#### Overview

For a detailed explanation of the SAMHA policy relating to Rep and Atom Development Player Selection, please refer to pages 14-17 of the SAMHA Policy Manual. This will give you information on the Process (including Assignments), Evaluation Criteria, Tryout Attendance and the Appeal Process. The SAMHA Policy Manual can be found on the SAMHA website under "Info".

Below is a summary of a few key items:

- Each player will receive a minimum of 3 tryout sessions. There will be additional "goalie only" evaluation session(s) as deemed necessary.
- Players will be assigned jerseys/numbers by the Evaluation Committee during the tryout sessions.
- Coaches will contact players regarding tryout times.
- Independent evaluators will evaluate players/goalies during these first 3 tryout sessions and provide Rep/Development coaches with a list of the top 25 skaters and top 3 goalies (including ties) based on numeric score given for a variety of pre-determined criteria.
- The criteria are determined by SAMHA.
- A list of top 25 players / 3 goalies including ties will be posted on SAMHA website.
- Those re-assigned will receive instructions on the SAMHA website as to the next step in the tryout process.
- The remaining players not re-assigned will have a fourth tryout session and possible fifth tryout session at the discretion of the coach. The coach may use further practices or exhibition games before making final re-assignments.



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### **Note:**

***It is SAMHA policy that we do not share rankings after the Top 25 are selected. However, we can share player notes from the evaluations. This is strictly for player development and not for questioning. To obtain player notes you may email the Coach Coordinator. If you feel that there is a discrepancy or you would like to appeal a decision that must be done in writing and emailed to the Coach Coordinator. Both note feedback and appeals can only be done through email and can only be issued up to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Player notes and appeal requests will not be accepted after this date.***

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **FULL SCHEDULE POSTED ON SAMHA WEBSITE**

August 27	SESSION 1 ALL TEAMS (EXCEPT FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET)
August 28	SESSION 2 PEE WEE REP & BANTAM REP SESSION 1 GOALTENDING EXTRA EVALUATION
August 29	SESSION 2 MIDGET REP SESSION 3 PEE WEE REP SESSION 2 GOALTENDING EXTRA EVALUATION
August 30	SESSION 2 ATOM DEVELOPMENT SESSION 3 BANTAM REP
August 31	SESSION 3 ATOM DEVELOPMENT & MIDGET REP SESSION 1 FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET REP
September 01	<b>**TOP 25 ASSIGNMENTS POSTED TO SAMHA WEBSITE – NOON**</b>
September 05	SESSION 4 ALL TEAMS ((EXCEPT FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET) <b>**POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENTS – Coaches Discretion**</b>
September 07	SESSION 5 ALL TEAMS (EXCEPT FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET) <b>**POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENTS – Coaches Discretion**</b>
September 08	SESSION 2 FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET REP
September 09	SESSION 3 FEMALE BANTAM/MIDGET REP <b>**POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENTS – Coaches Discretion**</b>



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### COACHES CRITERIA FOR PLAYER EVALUATION

#### 1. SKILL

Players will be critiqued on whether or not they have the skill to play at a competitive level. Skill refers to skating, puck control, passing/receiving, shooting, checking and other hockey fundamentals. Goalies will be evaluated on skills specific to goalies.

#### 2. COMPETITIVENESS & DESIRE

A player's ability to compete hard and be aggressive will play a factor during tryouts.

#### 3. TEAM PLAY/HOCKEY IQ

Consideration will also be given to a player's ability to exhibit good team play and level of knowledge of the game.

#### 4. COACH-ABILITY & ATTITUDE

At each level, the coaching staff is looking for players who will accept their teaching and coaching. We expect every player to respect the decisions that the coaches make, have a willingness to be taught and coached, and follow the philosophy of our program at all times. Attitude is extremely important within our program!

#### 5. CHARACTER

Coaches want to select players who will represent Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Association, our teams, their family and themselves with the utmost character. It is a belief of SAMHA that the avenue of sport, more than any other source, demonstrates the true character of human beings. Therefore, we want our players to be self-less, encouraging to teammates, respectful of our opponents, officials, and fans, and have a genuine joy to compete in the game of hockey.



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### TIPS FOR A POSITIVE TRYOUT EXPERIENCE

#### BE PREPARED

Equipment Check – Do I have everything? Does everything fit well? Water and nutritional snacks?

#### BE ON TIME

It's better to be early than late. You do not want to be late and rushing in. You want to be ready and relaxed before hitting the ice.

#### REST

The night before can be a sleepless one for some players. However, a restful few days leading to tryouts may help. Healthy sleep practices and times can help a body and mind be ready for tryouts.

#### NUTRITION

Leading up to and during tryouts healthy meals can help the body be prepared. Lots of carbs and protein and minimizing sugars can go a long way. We don't recommend energy drinks. To keep the body well hydrated we recommend water.

#### BE ATTENTIVE

To do your best on the ice, it is important to be aware of what is happening around you and to listen carefully to instructions. It is also important for players to not be a distraction to others on the ice. Am I allowing other players to focus? Do I understand the drill?

#### POSITIVITY & ENCOURAGEMENT

This can happen on and off the ice. Players are to lift each other up and avoid criticizing others. Parents should also be encouraging at the rink and at home.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Cell phones and other recording devices are not allowed in dressing rooms. Players and parents are to have a conversation about the use of social media and how, if used in a negative way, what the repercussions could be.

#### BIG PICTURE

This can be a stressful time for many. Please remember you will be an asset on whatever team you are placed on. Tryouts can be used as a tool for improving ones game, even if a desired team is not reached.

Be yourself, have fun and work hard!!