

Competitive Team Evaluation Process

The clear intent of the Competitive Team (Rep) Evaluation Process is to find the players that are most mentally & physically capable of developing and competing at the highest level possible. GVMHA criteria for picking players for evaluation are as follows:

1. Skill + and Attitude +
2. Attitude + and Skill -
3. Skill + and Attitude –

Evaluators and Coaches will be evaluating Skill, Hockey Sense, and Character.

The GVMHA Rep Tryout Mission Statement

“To challenge, motivate, teach and inspire every Rep Hockey Player to reach their potential by providing them with a well-defined and structured program. To give each and every player the opportunity to be the best they can be by having an organization that is committed to professionalism, integrity, respect and sportsmanship.”

The teams will be chosen after consultation and agreement between the independent evaluators, the coaches and the Director of Hockey Operations. The final decision for player placement shall be at the discretion of the Director of Hockey Operations. September: Independent Evaluators are chosen: Team of 2-4 paid non-parent evaluators per division. Evaluators who are ‘completely independent’ will be evaluating in each division (Atom to Midget). They will be chosen and assigned by GVMHA Director of Hockey.

There are Two Stages to the evaluation process:

- Stage One is comprised of up to 5 ice sessions. The independent evaluators will meet after the ice sessions to allocate teams of up to 20 skaters per team. The DHO may allow more than 20 skaters into stage two if special circumstances exist.
- Stage Two is run by the coaching staff in co-ordination with the Director of Hockey Operations. Coaches must consult the Director of Hockey Operations before making all final cuts, otherwise face disciplinary action which may include suspension.

Stage One: Up to 5 Ice Sessions

- Players must attend all sessions or will be reassigned to house. Should a player miss up to two sessions for valid medical reasons, they will be allowed to try out after presenting a Doctor’s note to the Director of Hockey Operations. Players released from Junior or Major Midget, and who were unable to attend the evaluations, will be evaluated for two ice sessions by the Director of Hockey Operations or designate, with the assistance from the Head Coach.
- Ice sessions may be comprised of skill testing, practices and scrimmages.
- Players are divided into three or four color groups that are divided alphabetically by position – first 6 defensemen on one team, next 6 on another, etc. Same steps for the forwards and goalies until the teams are filled. Scrimmages are played between the different colored teams.
- Goalies will have numbers on their fronts and backs.

Upon completion of the first week, every player will be given a rating from 1-5 by each evaluator:

5: An excellent elite-level player:

- player executes effectively at position and within role on team
- clearly outperforms counterparts at same position or on opposing teams
- the player had a lasting dominant effect throughout the week
- player can definitely play and impact at this level

4: An above-average performance:

- good plays and decisions clearly outnumber poor ones
- factors not allowing performance to be a 5 might include playing time lost to game; circumstances, slight skill deficiency compared to a 5 and slightly inconsistent in terms of effort, grittiness, lapse in discipline or emotional control, as examples
- player can definitely play at this level with only limitation being in depth at a similar position

3: A good performance:

- player made his share of mistakes/poor decisions, but they were countered by an equal number of good ones
- factors within the game may inhibit achieving satisfactory evaluation on this player; clearly an average performance requires more observation
- player warrants consideration as a candidate for this level

2: A below average performance:

- bad plays/decisions outnumbered good ones
- player may have lacked effort and hustle
- made errors costly to the team
- attitude, behaviour and performance questionable
- physical and mental components were deficient and below average
- this player shows some potential but has definite limitations, which would not allow them to play at this level

1. Unacceptable performance:

- well below acceptable standards
- not approaching level of competition required or expected
- significant, blatant deficiencies in all areas
- player does not show any signs of potential to play at this level

Goalie Evaluations: Goalies will be evaluated by one or more independent goalie evaluators in a goalie-only session (Bantam & Midget) and throughout stage one. In the event we have too many goalies for tryouts in any division, GVMHA will hold a goalie session in which they will reduce the goalies for the game portion of tryouts. Goalies that get released after the goalie session will be reimbursed their tryout fee.

Stage Two: Exhibition Games

The second stage of the evaluations is run by the head coaches of the teams in coordination with the Director of Hockey Operations.

Each head coach, with consultation of the DOH, must release players and goalies in excess of roster size. The players and goalies released from Tier 2/3 will be placed on house teams.

Volunteers (not evaluating the games) must be on the bench at all times with the players. Players will be given the opportunity to tryout at their declared position, but may be asked to play multiple positions during tryouts.

Atom Development Evaluation Process

Top 28-36 players to be selected after evaluation by 3-4 paid, non-parent independent evaluators. There may be up to five ice sessions, and will be comprised of skill testing, practices and scrimmages.