Hockey Canada provides a framework for minor hockey associations to use for the player evaluation process. Starting in the 2016/2017 season, West Kelowna Minor Hockey Association will follow this template. Please note because we are a smaller association, there may be minor adjustments to suit the size of our association and available ice.

The goal of adhering to the Hockey Canada framework is “to provide a fair, consistent, and comprehensive evaluation that will result in players participating at a level that is based upon their skill level when comparing them to athletes of the same age and category.”

Through clear and concise communication, well planned ice sessions, and evaluator objectivity, the objective is that every player will receive a fair and meaningful evaluation.

[Click here](http://cdn.agilitycms.com/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/MHA/Downloads/mha_player_evaluation_2013_e.pdf) to read the Hockey Canada document.

# **FAQs on player evaluations**

**When are Player Evaluation Sessions?**

Player evaluation sessions will be posted on [**www**.**westkelownaminorhockey.com**](http://www.westkelownaminorhockey.com). Ice session times, dates and arena will all be made available.

**How many evaluation sessions will there be?**

WKMHA plans on having three (3) evaluation sessions per each division.

**What is being evaluated?**

* Skill
* Coach ability
* Compete & Effort
* Game sense

**Who will be doing the evaluations?**

WKMHA will bring in knowledgeable evaluators who are from outside of the association. WKMHA wants to alleviate any perception of inequity and ultimately do our best in creating a fair and balanced evaluation for all our kids.

**What should my child wear to the evaluation?**

As per normal Minor Hockey regulations, full equipment must be worn. No jersey’s, socks, or attire from previous hockey teams can be worn that announces where the player has previously played. This will help ensure our evaluators are staying focused on the performance and not where the player has played.

**Will the players be evaluated in a skill and game environment?**

Players will have the evaluation sessions set up as follows:

Session 1 – Skills evaluation

Session 2 – Scrimmage evaluation

Session 3 – Scrimmage evaluation

**What happens after the evaluation sessions?**

After the final evaluation session, evaluators, Director of Hockey Operations, WKMHA Head Coach Mentor and the Division Head Coach will have exit interviews with each player (parent mandatory) within 1 week of the third session.

**How soon after evaluations does the season start?**

Depending on how the other OMAHA associations have completed their selections, WKMHA typically will be involved in exhibition games, which may also be used by our coaches for aiding in their final decision making of their Player Roster. Typically two weeks after evaluations are complete, the OMAHA regular season will commence.

**How will the evaluation information be used?**

Player evaluation will be used as an accurate and informative tool to help select the team roster and ensure that the process was carried out properly, fair and unbiased.