



Athabasca and District Minor Hockey Association (ADMHA)

APPROVED:	April 2023
POLICY:	EVALUATION
PURPOSE:	To describe how player evaluations are conducted.
RESPONSIBLE:	ADMHA EXECUTIVE

The following document is subject to change up to 1 week before evaluations commence. After this time the evaluation policy will not be amended until after evaluations and team selection is complete. ADMHA members will be emailed a copy of the policy 1 week ahead of evaluations commencing.

What happens during evaluation week?

Bar Down is a company that brings in evaluators from outside the ADMHA to evaluate all players and goalies from U11 to U18. This will take place the week of Sept. 18-22.

U11 and U13 players are assessed based on a combination of skill evaluations and game play evaluations. During game play evaluations players will be rotated through the forward and defense positions as evenly as possible.

U15 and U18 players are assessed only on game play evaluations. Players at these levels try out at a specific position (forward/defense).

U11-U18 goalies are assessed based on a combination of skills evaluations and game play evaluations.

At the discretion of Bar Down evaluators, stronger players may be asked to sit out of an evaluation skate to allow for more evaluation time for remaining players.

How does the evaluation committee use the evaluation data from Bar Down?

After the evaluation sessions have concluded Bar Down provides a list of players for each division ranked from top to bottom. At U15 and U18 players are ranked by position and given an overall ranking.

The evaluation committee uses the rankings from Bar Down to divide players and goalies onto teams. Number of players per team is determined before the start of evaluations. Example: U11 has 24 skaters and before evaluations it is determined that there will be two teams of 12 skaters. The top 12 ranked skaters are placed in the top tier team and the bottom 12 ranked players are placed on the bottom tier team.

Bar Down does not provide individual feedback on each skater/goalie, just a ranking of each skater/goalie against their peers. Your child's ranking against their peers is available upon request. Please contact vicepresident@admha.com if you wish to get your child's ranking.

The number of players at each level are split evenly between the number of teams at each level.

For U15/U18, if there is an odd number of players the extra player will be on the contact team.

For U11/U13 if there is an odd number of players the extra player will be placed on the lower tier team.

If there is an odd number of goalies (ex. 3 goalies for two teams) the extra goalie will be placed on the lower tier team.

The number of teams at each age group is determined prior to evaluations by the ADMHA Executive.

Tier placement for each team is determined by the league after a number (usually 5-7) of tiering games are played.

Goalie Evaluations

The evaluation of goaltenders is made difficult due to the specialized nature of the position and the unique abilities, and experience, required of the Evaluators. Goalie evaluations will be completed in the U11-U18 divisions.

A goalie-specific skill session in addition to game play evaluations will be used to decide placement.

At U11 and U13, any player intending on playing as a skater and as a goalie must evaluate as both and will be placed on a team by the evaluation committee based on the results of both evaluations.

The general guideline, if enrollment permits, is 2 goaltenders per team for all teams within each age group. This is done to ensure all of our goaltenders are given the opportunity to develop at the highest level possible. If the enrollment numbers do work out such that there are not two goalies per team, then it will be at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee to determine which team(s) should be allotted one goalie.

ADMHA will indicate to goalies following the pre-evaluation sessions whether they can reasonably expect to be placed on a team as a goalie through the evaluation sessions. In instances where it is likely that a goalie will not be placed on a team, the parents will be informed at that point such that the goalie can then be evaluated as a player or elect to be released to another Association. This will occur when there are more goalies interested in playing the position than there are positions available on teams.

After evaluations are complete, if there are more goalies than spots available, the lowest ranked goalie may be asked to play the season as a player.

Absence from evaluations due to Injury or illness

Injured, sick or absent players will be treated as fairly as possible. The Evaluation Committee will make decisions on the placement of players that are injured, sick or absent. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee will be final.

In the event of an injury or illness that prevents a player from attending some but not all of the scheduled evaluations the following will apply

1. If a player is injured or ill and unable to attend a scheduled evaluation an email will be sent to vicepresident@admha.com before the scheduled evaluation.
 - a. In the case of injury, a doctor's note must be presented before the player can return to the ice
2. The injured/ill player will be placed on a team using the evaluation(s) that were attended along with, if necessary, past placements and performance, input from previous coaches or consultants and evaluations from previous years.

In the event of an injury or illness that prevents a player from attending ALL scheduled evaluations the following will apply

1. If a player is injured or ill, an email to inform the evaluation committee of the injury or illness must be sent by the parents **prior** to the evaluations.
 - a. A doctor's note needs to be attached to the email. The doctor's note should include an approximate length of time that the player will be missing.
2. If the season schedule and the size of team rosters allow it (which is to be determined by the evaluation committee), the injured/ill player will be evaluated to determine their final placement by the evaluation committee when the player returns from injury/illness.
3. If the season schedule and team rosters aren't able to accommodate the above situation (which is to be determined by the evaluation committee) the injured/ill player will be placed on a team by the evaluation committee. The decision will be based on recent performance, past placements and performance, input from previous coaches or consultants and evaluations from previous years.

Underage Player Evaluation

If, at the request of the ADMHA, a player is moved from a lower age group to a higher age group, the player will be evaluated the same as the rest of the age group and will be placed on a team using the evaluators rankings as normal.

If, at the request of a parent and approval by the ADMHA executive, a player is moved from a lower age group to a higher age group, the player will be placed on the top team only if they rank in the top $\frac{2}{3}$ of players on that top team.

Example. An underage player is moved up a division to make a total of 24 skaters (two teams of 12 skaters each). The player must rank in the top 9 skaters to be considered for the top team.

Players Returning From AA or AAA tryouts

To receive a formal evaluation players must have registered with ADMHA prior to the registration deadline. If not registered, placement on a team is not guaranteed and is subject to board approval.

If a player is released from the AA or AAA tryout then they must notify the ADMHA as soon as possible of their intent to return to ADMHA.

Players are not automatically placed on the top team in a tier upon return from AA or AAA tryouts. Players will be evaluated by the ADMHA evaluation committee for team placement. If this is not feasible (as determined by the ADMHA evaluation committee) players will be placed on a team by the ADMHA evaluation committee based on recent performance, past placements and performance, input from previous coaches or consultants and evaluations from previous years.

Evaluation of Late Registrants

In the event that a player registers after formal evaluations have completed the following will apply.

- If the season schedule and the size of team rosters allow it (which is to be determined by the evaluation committee), the late registrant will be evaluated to determine their final placement by the evaluation committee.
- If the season schedule and team rosters aren't able to accommodate the above situation (which is to be determined by the evaluation committee) the late registrant will be placed on a team by the evaluation committee. The decision will be based on recent performance, past placements and performance, input from previous coaches or consultants and evaluations from previous years.