

Tryout Information

How are evaluations going to run?

The BAHA Executive board has been working diligently throughout the summer to not only identify improvements on the current evaluation process but to also determine how to effectively proceed with evaluations and team creation, given the current COVID restrictions. Multiple options are currently being considered and this depends on cohort sizes and facility guidelines as we get closer to the evaluation periods.

One of the primary objectives of the committee is to reduce stress for all parties involved including players, parents, and evaluation volunteers. We are currently reviewing options for skills testing within the guidelines provided in Hockey Alberta's off-season skill development outline in its return to hockey programming. In terms of gameplay during evaluations, we will need to wait and see if cohort sizes change and are also considering how to proceed if they remain at the status quo.

Plan A would be to proceed as normal with Competitive Thread doing all our evaluations for U11 and up. U9 would have Competitive Thread do time trials followed by in house evaluations for the remainder of the tryout process. For this option to take place, cohort sizes would need to be increased.

Plan B (which is more likely) would have players being placed on teams. Competitive Thread will do time trials for U9 and up. This data, along with former teams made and input from past coaches, will determine where players will be placed.

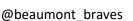
How are AA evaluations going to run?

Plan A would be to proceed as normal with Competitive Thread doing all aspects of AA evaluations with no restrictions on number of players trying out. For this option to take place cohort sizes would need to be increased.

Plan B (which is more likely) would be to limit the number of players trying out to be able to stay within the guidelines set out by Alberta Health Services to better protect our players and their families. To be able to do this, it would mean only players selected after previous team review and conversations with previous coaches would tryout for any AA teams.



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