



Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association

U7 (Non-Tiered) Evaluation & Team selection process

Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association Evaluation and Team Selection Process will be facilitated by the BMHA Division Director and the BMHA Coach Liaison. BMHA Executive will oversee and support the process. Any disputes will be dealt with using the BMHA Grievance Process.

INTENT: To provide an organised, transparent and fair process for evaluation and team selection.

Player evaluations will be completed by **unbiased** evaluators. Individuals excluded from evaluating will include but not be limited to parents or family members of a player and potential head coaches from the division. The selection of players will be based on their overall hockey skills and ability to play the game.

Note 1: Absenteeism from the evaluation and team selection process due to illness, injury, late registration, returning from higher level try-outs, etc. will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Note 2: Players/Parents are strongly advised to avoid interacting with evaluation staff during the evaluation process.

Note 3: BMHA will retain the ability to modify non-tiered team rosters in the case of an obvious imbalance in team strength within the same division. A head coach must submit a written request to their Division Director, via email, clearly stating specific reasons as to why a roster modification should be considered. The Division Director will assemble a committee consisting of a minimum of the Division Director, Coach Liaison and Vice President (or designate) to complete an assessment based on the written request and respond accordingly. Requests will be accepted within **30 days** of the team rosters being posted on the BMHA website.

U7 NON-TIERED EVALUATIONS:

- **Skills Session # 1 - Set schedule of controlled drills led by on ice coaches.**
- **Skills Session # 2 - Set schedule of controlled drills led by on ice coaches.**

Division Directors will total evaluation scores for each player averaged from both skills sessions. Evaluation scores will be reviewed and verified by the BMHA Coach Liaison and/or BMHA executive designate. All information will be taken from evaluation sheets.

Evaluation scores will be used to determine the placement of players to teams with the intention of creating teams to align with the Hockey Alberta 'Intro To Hockey' model.

Players will be distributed evenly to teams by the BMHA Vice President or designate, Division Director and Coach Liaison.

Head Coach Selections - Head Coaches will be permitted to choose **1** parent volunteer to help support them for the season, this may be either a manager or an assistant coach. Siblings playing in the same division will be taken into consideration when team rosters are being developed.

Team Selection is now complete.

Team Rosters will be posted on the BMHA website by midnight of the day after the final evaluation session.