



Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association

U9 (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: Players choosing not to participate will be placed on the bottom team in the division, if reasonable.

U9 TIERED EVALUATIONS FOR CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAY:

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

Division Directors will total evaluation scores for each player/goaltender 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.

Using the rankings from the skill sessions, players will be placed in like groups for gameplay. A and B will be mixed to parity and play, C and D will be mixed to parity and play. Coaches on the bench are not permitted to give advise or set lines. All players must be given equal opportunity to participate and play every position. Intro To Hockey rules will be followed.

- **Black & White Game (HALF ICE - AB vs AB, CD vs CD)**

Division Directors will total evaluation scores for each player/goalie from the Black and White game.

Total Evaluation scores from the skills sessions will be weighted at 50%. Total evaluation scores from the black & white game will be weighted at 50%. Weighted player/goaltender scores from skills and black/white game will be combined to obtain a grand total used for team selection.

If only one team in a division (ex. 1 A team):

Evaluation scores will determine the placement of the top 70 % of the team, the remaining 30% of the team will be chosen by the Head Coach. The Vice President or designate, Division Director and the Coach Liaison will assemble a list of no more than double the Coach's selections then meet with the Head Coach to select the remaining 30% of the team.

If multiple teams in a division (ex. X2 B teams):

Teams will be split evenly based on evaluation scores by the Division Director, BMHA Coach Liaison and/or BMHA designate.

Team Selection is now complete.

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