



Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association

U18 (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.

Players trying out as a tiered level of U13 or higher must announce their intention to play forward, defense or goaltender positions (center, left or right wing will not be specified) as players will be split into forward and defense for team selection. Coaching staff will reserve the right to adjust player position in order to maintain an adequate player balance during game play. The selection of players at all levels will be based on their overall hockey skills and their ability to play the game.

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.

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.

TEAM SELECTION GUIDELINES (These steps may be altered at the discretion of BMHA Executive and Division Directors to accommodate the number of participants.)

U13, U15 & U18 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.**

The players and goaltenders will be split into smaller equal groups for skills sessions if required.

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.

- **Black & White Game # 1 - Full Ice Game with Officials**
- **Black & White Game # 2 - Full Ice Game with Officials**

Black and White Game #1 will consist of the top 75% of players based on averaged evaluation scores from the skills sessions. Teams will be split evenly for play.

Division Directors will total evaluation scores for each player/goalie from the Black and White Game #1. These scores will be added to the average evaluation scores from the skills sessions then reviewed and verified by the BMHA Coach Liaison and/or BMH Executive designate.

- 70% of the "A" Team will be selected from the total evaluation scores. Goaltenders may play both Black and White Games depending on the number of goaltenders in the division.
- The remaining players will play in a Black & White Game #2

In the case that there are too few or too many players to have a Black & White Game or to effectively evaluate participants on the ice; player evaluation scores from the skills session will be used to add or remove players in order to supply an appropriate balance of players.

Division Directors will total evaluation scores for each player/goaltender from the Black & White games (averaged from games #1 and #2 if played in both games). All information will be taken from evaluation sheets.

Evaluation scores will be reviewed and verified by the BMHA Coach Liaison and/or BMHA Executive designate.

Total Evaluation scores from the skills session will be weighted at 50%. Total evaluation scores from the Black & White game(s) will be weighted at 50%. Weighted player & goaltender evaluation scores from the skills session and games will be combined to obtain a grand total used for Team Selection.

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 of the team. The Vice President of BMHA or designate, Division Director and the Coach Liaison will assemble a list of no more than double the coach's selection then meet with the Head Coach to select the remaining 30% of the team. (Example: if 30% of the players on the team equals 3, then the list will be comprised of the next 6 highest players evaluation scores.)

This team selection format will be applied starting with the top team and continuing with each additional lower team as required.

Team size will be determined by evenly splitting the total number of players in the division or based on the direction of Hockey Alberta.

Goaltenders will be distributed to teams based on evaluation scores. Top evaluation scores will be placed on the top team(s). Goaltender placement consideration will be made (i.e., affiliation, overage) if there are too many or too few goalies to satisfy the number of teams within a division.

The team selection process is now complete.

Team rosters will be posted to the BMHA Website by midnight of the day after the final evaluation session.