



2026 HOKS Evaluation Policy & Procedures

Policy & Procedures for HOKS Evaluations and Roster Selection

Introduction

This policy outlines the evaluation procedure for the HOKS minor box lacrosse program. The process is designed to ensure a fair and thorough assessment of all participants, leading to the selection of the most suitable players for the final roster.

Evaluation Process

1. Evaluators

All evaluators will be required to attend a mandatory meeting prior to the first evaluation date of their assigned Divisions to review expectations, process and ensure alignment amongst the group. Individuals chosen for the HOKS Evaluation Process will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Representation from all HOKS associations
- Coaches at the Minor, Junior and/or Senior levels
- Players from Senior level
- Players who have played at the Junior level for a minimum of 2 years

2. Skills Evaluations

The evaluation process will begin with three distinct skills evaluation sessions. During these sessions, players will be assessed on various fundamental lacrosse skills, including but not limited to:

- Passing and catching
- Shooting accuracy and power
- Defensive techniques
- Footwork and agility
- Game awareness and decision-making

3. Scrimmage (may be optional depending on Division)

The evaluation process will include a minimum of one (1) scrimmage. This game-like scenario will serve as the final test of the players' skills, teamwork, and overall performance under competitive conditions.



4. Practice Session (1-2 sessions)

Following the scrimmage evaluation(s), players will practice as a team. Practice(s) will provide an opportunity for players to demonstrate their abilities in a team setting and allow coaches to observe their integration into team dynamics.

Roster Selection

Initial Roster

Following the skills evaluations and scrimmage(s), an oversized provisional roster will be selected. The size of this roster will be determined based by the total number of participants trying out. The first three (3) skills evaluations will be used to assess placement and advancement beyond this stage is not guaranteed for all players.

Final Roster

The final roster will be selected after the team has met for 1-2 practices. Coaches will have the ability to provide input on the final roster size and player selections. Their assessments and recommendations may be considered by the HOKS Committee.

Committee Decision

While coaches' inputs are highly valued, the HOKS Committee will make the final roster decisions. The Committee will evaluate all feedback and performance data to ensure the most balanced and competitive team composition. The HOKS Committee will be formed with representation from each participating club and is comprised of the following members:

- Charmaine Dautremont - **H**igh River (Foothills Lacrosse)
- Ian MacDonald - **O**kotoks Lacrosse
- Wade Bowley - **K**nights Lacrosse
- Travis Gauthier - **S**trathmore Lacrosse
- Tanya Leukefeld - HOKS Committee Lead / Knights Lacrosse

Conclusion

This evaluation process is designed to provide a comprehensive and impartial assessment of all participants. Through structured and consistent procedures, the HOKS Committee aims to continue building a strong, cohesive program that reflects both individual talent and collective teamwork.

We look forward to a successful evaluation period and an exciting upcoming season.