



Evaluation FAQ's

This year, we took a step towards refining our evaluation process, driven by valuable feedback from our membership. We are genuinely appreciative of your input, which has greatly contributed to the improvements we've made and as a board, proud to evolve our process in the interest of fun and safe hockey.

We feel confident that the changes we have made are for the betterment of our players and the game. However, as we delved into the evaluation phase, we also came to realize that there might be some uncertainty surrounding the reasons behind these changes.

Our primary aim is to maintain utmost transparency regarding any modifications to our processes. Considering this, we've decided that it's in everyone's best interest to provide a more comprehensive explanation of the alterations we've implemented and the motivations that prompted them. Your continued support and feedback are integral to our growth, and we sincerely thank you for being part of our journey towards improvement.

Please see a compiled list of FAQs below.

1. What is the REP hockey program?

- a. Our REP program is designed for those youngsters who are enthusiastic about focusing primarily on hockey, are interested in playing competitively and have the skills to evaluate at the highest level.

2. What is the RHL hockey program?

- a. Our RHL program is our flagship offering, emphasizing hockey development while allowing kids more flexibility to pursue other interests and sports. We're dedicated to keeping as many young players in hockey as we can, helping them achieve their unique goals. The RHL is still a competitive league with a generally less physical style, as well as lower time commitment. It's also important to note that most levels don't allow hitting.

3. Why was the evaluation changed this year?

- a. We heard from our members that there were some skill gaps in our previous evaluation process, and these gaps were affecting both developing players and those who were more advanced. Our mission is to support each child's development while boosting their confidence and helping them reach their goals. This year's evaluation process was carefully crafted to assess every member comprehensively, giving us a better

understanding of each child's stage of development. Allowing us to form well-balanced teams.

4. Why did all players evaluate together (REP selected and RHL)?

- a. We want to ensure a friendly and equitable evaluation process for all our young athletes, and this means evaluating everyone simultaneously. This approach allows us to assess each child fairly, accommodating potential movement in either direction during evaluations. By doing so, we can efficiently place kids in the appropriate level, whether it's in the REP or RHL program.

5. Why were families asked to select REP during registration?

- a. The intention was to determine the level of interest in our REP program however, we do recognize unexpected confusion that occurred and have added this to our discussion regarding future registration and evaluation processes.

6. Why was my player offered REP without checking off interest in REP during registration?

- a. Our primary goal in shaping the teams was to offer our players the best possible exposure to the game, fostering their love for hockey. At CMHA, we fully recognize that this approach has opened doors for players to transition to the REP program. However, please know that if your family prefers the RHL program, we are wholeheartedly dedicated to providing options that align with the players' and family's preferences and needs.

7. How were REP and RHL teams determined?

- a. Our aim is to form as many REP teams as possible, provided we have players who meet the high standards and are willing to commit significantly to their hockey journey. Invitations to this program are extended after the evaluation results are in. If a family prefers the RHL program or if a child doesn't make it into the REP hockey program after evaluations, they will be placed in the RHL for the upcoming season. We're committed to providing options that best suit each child and family's needs.

8. Will my RHL player have opportunity to transition to REP in the season?

- a. After our teams are finalized, there may be limited room for movement. However, we're excited to share that your player will have plenty of opportunities to take part in skill development sessions, such as power skating, or other CMHA offered sessions. These sessions will not only help them enhance their skills but also prepare them for the current season but future seasons too. CMHA's foundation of developmental hockey remains a key driver in our values and vision.