

CMHA Goaltenders Policy & Evaluation Process

Novice

- At the Novice level, goaltending is not evaluated.
- It is the policy of the CMHA that each Novice player shall have the opportunity to play the goaltender position. This opportunity will be provided on a regular rotation with each team member taking his or her turn in the rotation. No player shall be forced to participate as a goaltender.
- CMHA recognizes the importance of the goaltender position. Coaches at the Novice level have the responsibility to introduce the position to each player in a manner consistent with the goals of the CMHA. This is a critical step in the development of goaltenders in the association.

Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget REP

- Each player wishing to play the goaltender position must declare as a goaltender prior to the start of the evaluation process. Players electing as goaltenders will be evaluated at that position and placed on teams according to their ranking versus the other goaltenders.
- CMHA will work to ensure that each REP team will have 2 goaltenders assigned. This will be dependent on registration totals. It is expected that each goaltender will have the opportunity to play in 50% of the team's games, including exhibition and tournaments. With the best efforts of the coaching staff, this opportunity will be provided on a rotating basis.
- Players electing as goaltenders will not be eligible to play as skaters.

Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget RHL

- Each player wishing to play the goaltender position must declare as a goaltender prior to the start of the evaluation process. Players electing as goaltenders will be evaluated at that position and placed on teams according to their ranking versus the other goaltenders.
- CMHA will work to ensure that each RHL team will have a minimum of 1 goaltender assigned. This will be dependent on registration totals. If it is possible to have 2 goaltenders on each team, then each will have the opportunity to play in 50% of the team's games, including exhibition and tournaments. With the best efforts of the coaching staff, this opportunity will be provided on a rotating basis.

Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget Female

- Each player wishing to play the goaltender position must declare as a goaltender prior to the start of the evaluation process. Players electing as goaltenders will be evaluated at that position and placed on teams according to their ranking versus the other goaltenders.
- CMHA will work to ensure that each Female team will have a minimum of 1 goaltender assigned. This will be dependent on registration totals. If it is possible to have 2 goaltenders on each team, then each will have the opportunity to play in 50% of the team's games, including exhibition and tournaments. With the best efforts of the coaching staff, this opportunity will be provided on a rotating basis.

Evaluation Process

Technicals

- Goaltender evaluation technicals will be completed during a 2 day “Evaluation Weekend” according to the schedule provided on CMHA website for Goalie Evals. The technical evaluation portion will be completed first on those consecutive days in conjunction with the small area games (SAG).
- The execution portion of the technicals consisting of running of drills and rotation of goalies through those drills will be executed by a professional third party who specializes in goaltender training and development. This third party will not be involved in the actual evaluation scoring of the goaltenders.
- The evaluation scoring will be performed by a team of 4 third party evaluators, all who specialize in goaltender training and development. These 4 individuals shall not be from the same goaltending company in order to keep evaluations unbiased.
- At the discretion of the Board, each year CMHA will solicit proposals from qualified parties wishing to conduct CMHA goaltender evaluations. These successful parties will be responsible, with oversight from the Goalie Director, for ranking goaltenders against their peers.
- Each player in the Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age groups who declares as a goaltender will attend the technical evaluation sessions. Goaltenders not attending the sessions will receive a score of zero in their technical evaluation score. These technical sessions will account for 45% of the total evaluation score for each REP goaltender and 50% for each RHL/Female goaltender.

Small Area Games

- Each goaltender will receive two small area games (SAG) evaluation sessions. The SAG evaluation portion will be completed second on those consecutive days in conjunction with the technicals.
- The SAG will be performed in a cross-ice format with teams of 3 on 3. These teams will be chosen by skill level from previous years team coaches in order to keep the consistency of gameplay and shots for each goaltender. Goaltenders will be rotated through each team in order to perform unity in the evaluation process.
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- Each player in the Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age groups who declares as a goaltender will attend the SAG evaluation sessions. Goaltenders not attending the sessions will receive a score of zero in their SAG evaluation score. These SAG sessions will account for 45% of the total evaluation score for each REP goaltender and 50% for each RHL/Female goaltender.

5 on 5 Games (REP)

- Each goaltender will receive a minimum of two 5 on 5 gameplay evaluation sessions.
- The evaluation scoring will be performed by 1 third party evaluator, who specializes in goaltender training and development.
- At the discretion of the Board, each year CMHA will solicit proposals from qualified parties wishing to conduct CMHA goaltender evaluations. These successful parties will be responsible, with oversight from the Goalie Director, for ranking goaltenders against their peers. These rankings will be used by the Goalie Director, in conjunction with the evaluation committee, to place goaltenders on the appropriate teams.
- Each player in the Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age groups who declares as a goaltender will attend the 5 on 5 evaluation sessions. Goaltenders not attending the sessions will receive a score of zero in their 5 on 5 evaluation score. These 5 on 5 sessions will account for 10% of the total evaluation score for each goaltender.

5 on 5 Games (AA)

- After scoring is complete on the “Evaluation Weekend”, the evaluation team will select the top 8 goalies from PeeWee and Bantam and the top 4 goalies for Midget. These goalies will be invited to the AA Tryouts 5 on 5 games.
- The evaluation scoring will be performed by 1 third party evaluator, who specializes in goaltender training and development.
- At the discretion of the Board, each year CMHA will solicit proposals from qualified parties wishing to conduct CMHA goaltender evaluations. These successful parties will be responsible, with oversight from the Goalie Director, for ranking goaltenders against their peers. These rankings will be used by the Goalie Director, in conjunction with the evaluation committee, to place goaltenders on the appropriate teams.
- Each player invited to the AA Tryouts will attend the 5 on 5 evaluation sessions. Goaltenders not attending the sessions will receive a score of zero in their 5 on 5 evaluation score. These 5 on 5 sessions will account for 10% of the total evaluation score for each goaltender.
- After the Tryouts 5 on 5 are completed, the top 3 goaltenders from PeeWee/Bantam/Midget will be invited to the AA Tournament where a final selection will be made for the teams 2 goalies.

Overall Score

- Goaltenders will be placed on teams according to their total evaluation score from all Technical, SAG and 5 on 5 sessions with the top-ranking goaltenders being placed on the highest-level team for their age group and so forth.