



GOALTENDERS POLICY

I. U9:

- A. It is the policy of the CMHA that each U9 player shall have the opportunity to play the goaltender position.
- B. This opportunity will be provided on a regular rotation with each team member taking his or her turn in the rotation.
- C. No player shall be forced to participate as a goaltender and there will be no goaltender evaluations at the U9 level.
- D. CMHA recognizes the importance of the goaltender position. Coaches at the U9 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.

II. U11, U13, U15, U18:

- A. 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 rankings against other goaltenders.
- B. Each team will have 2 goaltenders assigned when possible. It is expected that each goaltender will have the opportunity to play in 50% of the team's games, including exhibitions and tournaments. With the best efforts of the coaching staff, this opportunity will be provided on a rotating basis.
- C. Players electing as goaltenders in REP will not be eligible to participate as a player.
- D. RHL goaltenders may be carded as a player but will only be eligible to play out under extenuating circumstances and shall be at the full discretion of Coach and Manager with Director approval
- E. Goaltender evaluations will be completed via a process approved by the Evaluation Committee. If CMHA chooses to use professional third party evaluators who specialize in goaltender training and development, each year the CMHA will solicit proposals from qualified parties wishing to conduct CMHA goaltender evaluations. The successful party 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.

III. Evaluation Process

- A. Each player in the U11, U13, U15 and U18 age groups who declares as a goaltender

will attend the required evaluation sessions. The structure of the evaluation sessions will be approved by the Evaluation Committee on an annual basis.

- B. Goaltenders not attending these evaluation sessions will receive a score of zero as their evaluation score. If a player is unable to attend these evaluations, they must contact the Goalie Director, 48 hours prior to the first evaluation session to discuss the circumstances.
- C. Goaltenders will be placed on teams according to their total evaluation scores from all sessions.