

Selection Protocol Field Hockey Alberta

1. Eligibility for Selection

All participants that wish to be considered for selection must:

1. Be a registered member and in good standing with Field Hockey Alberta.
2. Be a registered member and in good standing with a FHA sanctioned club/league.
3. Sign and submit the current FHA code of conduct to the High Performance Director or Field Hockey Alberta designated staff member.

2. Overall Responsibility and Procedures for Team Selection

Selection decisions are the responsibility for the provincial coaches, where ultimate authority for selection rests with the high performance committee.

Conducting player assessments for the team selection involves weighing the needs of the team and the perceived relative strengths and weaknesses of the athletes in order to select a team deemed most appropriate to represent Field Hockey Alberta. The player evaluations system considered by the national coaches to aid in the selection process can be found in section 5. Selection criteria. The coaches are free to assign different weightings to the importance of these factors in their decision-making process as they deem appropriate to the goal of fielding the best possible team. In making his/her selection, the provincial head coach, in consultation with assistant coaches, will have a high degree of discretion and flexibility.

3. Non-Compliance with Selection Criteria

The provincial head coach may remove an athlete from the provincial team at any time if they do not meet the provisions of the selection criteria. In order to remain on the provincial team, athletes must commit to the annual training and competitive programs as regularly outline by the provincial head coach.

4. Selection announcement / communication

The announcement of the athletes selected to the team and the final roster will be emailed to all athletes and posted to the FHA website.

Questions or concerns regarding team selections can be send to the high performance director. Emails regarding selections received within 24 hours of the selection announcement will be discarded.

5. Selection criteria

Field Hockey Alberta is continuing to fine tune our present player evaluation system to better determine objective player assessments and rankings. The development of this system is on-going and is used by the high performance committee as a tool to aid in the selection process.

The current evaluation system analyses athletes on 5 levels:

- Provincial coach assessments,
- Athlete tracking system (Skillshark)
- Unique Skill Points
- Team cohesion
- FHC Gold Medal Profile

6. Age specific selection criteria

Athletes will play in their appropriate age group (in accordance with FHC regulations) as much as possible. In individual and highly exceptional circumstances, the high performance committee may make an exception to allow an athlete to play in a higher or lower age group.