

# Evaluation & Team Formation Process

*U9A, U9B, U9C*  
**2024-2025 Season**



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## Purpose

Evaluations is a challenging undertaking for all minor hockey organizations. The purpose of this process is not only to establish teams to commence the hockey season but is also intended to do so in a manner that creates the foundation for development and competition within the season to come.

This evaluation and team formation process document is intended to establish guidelines and procedures, while increasing transparency and understanding of the player evaluation and team formation process within the U9A, U9B and U9C division tiers; with the intent of increasing enjoyment by practicing, learning and playing with players of similar skills, abilities and desires.

## Overview

1. For U9, the City will be divided into three (3) zones based on registration numbers.
2. The number of players on each team will be determined by registration numbers. All teams within a zone must have no more than one player difference on roster by level. Example: A - 13 players; B - 13 players; C - 14 players. All teams in each zone must be balanced in numbers. Preferable team numbers for U9 are 12-14 players per team.
3. The Number of teams per zone will be determined by the following grid:

# of players per zone	A	B	C
70 - 84	2	2	2
85 - 94	2	3	2
95 - 104	2	3	3
105 - 114	3	3	3
115 - 134	3	4	3
135 - 149	3	5	3
150 - 164	3	5	4
165 - 179	4	5	4

1. Evaluators will include the short-listed coaches and contracted independent evaluators. The coach's grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade.

## Player Eligibility

1. Evaluations for U9 teams are open to all U9 aged hockey players that are, as per Hockey Regina (HRI) regulations, registered with HRI and paid the appropriate evaluation fee.
2. All players will register and evaluate as skaters only.

## Evaluation Process

### Criteria

During the course of the evaluations, the evaluators will be evaluating and grading the players on criteria that includes the following:

- **Skating** – Acceleration, speed, mobility, balance, stride, crossovers, pivots.
- **Puck control/passing** – giving/receiving pass, presents a good target, heads up, good hands
- **Shooting** – Power, accuracy
- **Compete level** – can the player follow instruction, overall attitude towards the game, overall desire to compete

### Overview

1. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - Three (3) skill sessions
2. For all sessions, the players will be divided into equal groups based on numbers.
3. Players will be given a jersey that they will use for the evaluations. At the conclusion of the final evaluation session, players are required to return the jersey to the registration person.
4. **New for 2024**, no socks, pant shells or helmet stickers identifying previous non-HRI teams or AA teams are to be worn by players.
5. All evaluators will be given a list of player numbers for the ice session, as the evaluation process will be nameless (**new for 2024**). Each evaluator will give all players one overall grade between 1 and 6. At the conclusion of each ice session, the evaluators will hand in their completed forms to the evaluator coordinator.
6. Each shortlisted coach is expected to evaluate players within their zone only.
7. The evaluator coordinator will record the grades for all the players. Each player will receive a single score between 1 and 6 based on the average of all the evaluators' grades for all the sessions. For A and B, the coach's grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade.
8. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.

**Note:** Any parent interfering in the evaluation process may be subject to disciplinary action.

## Team Formation Process

1. Each player will be assigned a final ranking of 1 to 6 to the nearest decimal point.
2. Hockey Regina will form the teams based on the final grades.
3. Trades will only be allowed between players of equal rankings. The maximum number of trades permitted for any one team will be three transactions of one player for another one player. All trades shall be submitted to the U9 Director for final approval.