

# **HRI 2022/23 U15 AA, A & B EVALUATION & TEAM FORMATION PROCESS**



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## **PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines and procedures for player evaluations and placement within the U15 AA, A and B Divisions.

## **OVERVIEW**

1. For U15, the City will be a divided into one (1) zone.
2. The number of players on each team in a given Tier will be determined by registration numbers.
3. For the determining the number of U15 AA and A teams, the following grid will be used as a guideline:

<b>Total # of skaters registered for AA, A + B</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>&lt;280</b>	3	6
<b>281 – 310</b>	3	7
<b>311 – 345</b>	3	8
<b>346 - 380</b>	3	9

4. Evaluators will be the short-listed coaches and independents. **For AA and A, the coaches grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade**

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Evaluations for U15 AA, A and B are open to all U15 aged hockey players (male and female) that are, as per HRI regulations, registered with HRI and paid the appropriate evaluation fee.
2. Upon registration, a player will have the ability to register to tryout for U15 AA, A or B. It is the understanding that registering for U15 AA or A does not guarantee a placement on a U15 AA or A team.
3. To be eligible for the U15 AA or A team selection draft, all players must be registered for **and** attend the evaluations of that particular Tier.
4. Players must communicate their absence to the division director or designate, prior to their assigned sessions. Failure to communicate their absence may make that player ineligible for the team selection draft.
5. Injured players may be asked to supply a medical report to the Division Director.
6. Once the U15 AA or A evaluations have started, late registrations and transfers for U15 AA and A will be accepted up to the final evaluation session of that particular Tier.

## 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, acceleration out of turns, quick feet, controlled skating, change of pace
- Puck control/passing – giving/receiving pass, passing choices, unselfish with the puck, presents a good target, heads up, good hands, puck protection
- Shooting – Power, accuracy, quick release, can shoot in motion, variety of shots
- Compete level – can the player follow instruction, overall attitude towards the game, overall desire to compete, does the player shy away from other players?
- Hockey sense – Ability to see the play developing both offensively and defensively and moves to support, judgment, anticipation, disciplined
- Goalies will be evaluated on the following skills:
  - Balance – Retains ready position after blocking shots, holds ready position in movement, recovery (retains position after scrambling)
  - Mobility – Skating ability, moves with speed and in control in ready position, reacts well to puck movement in zone, ability to recover from knees/side
  - Quickness – Reacts well to quick shots, effective in close, reaction time
  - Concentration/Consistency – Alert at all times, follows puck at all times, able to make key saves, able to perform in pressure situations

### OVERVIEW

1. For all sessions, the players will be divided into equal groups based on numbers.
2. All players will be given a jersey that they will use for the evaluations. At the conclusion of the final scrimmage session of that Tier, the players will return the jersey to the registration person.
3. All evaluators will be given a list of players/numbers for the ice session. 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.
4. The coaches will not evaluate their own child.
5. The evaluator coordinator will record all the grades for all the players. Each player will receive one single score between 1 and 6 based on the **AVERAGE** of **ALL** the evaluators' grades for all the sessions of that Tier. **Note for AA and A, the coaches grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade.**

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

### U15AA

1. The evaluation process for U15AA will be a two stage process. The first stage will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill + goalie session
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages

2. After completion of the first stage of evaluations; using the team selection process; each U15AA coach will pick up to eighteen (18) skaters and three (3) goalies.
3. In stage two of the evaluations, each team will have three (3) practices and two (2) exhibition games.
4. At the conclusion of the stage two practices and games, the coaches will meet to finalize their team of 2 goalies and 15-17 skaters.
5. After the U15AA evaluations have started a player can choose to opt out of U15AA and request to be placed in U15 A or B if they wish. To opt out they must notify the HRI office prior to the second scrimmage of the U15AA evaluations. Placement for any subsequent requests made after the second scrimmage will be at the discretion of the Division Director.
6. At the conclusion of the first stage of the evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.
7. Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U15AA team will be advised of the U15A evaluation dates.

### **U15A**

1. The U15A evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U15AA team and the players that chose to go directly to U15 A.
2. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill + goalie session
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages
3. After the U15A evaluations have started a player can choose to opt out of U15A and request to be placed in U15B if they wish. To opt out they must notify the HRI office prior to the second scrimmage of the U15A evaluations.
4. At the conclusion of the U15A evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.
5. Once the team selection draft has occurred, all players not making a U15A team will be advised of the U15B date.

### **U15B**

1. The U15B evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U15A team and the players that chose to go directly to U15B.
2. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill + goalie session
  - One (1) controlled scrimmage
3. At the conclusion of the scrimmages, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.

## **TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

### **OVERVIEW**

1. The U15 teams will be determined via a draft process.
2. Prior to the draft, the coaches will be given a list of eligible players with a ranking of the players to be provided during the draft.
3. The final appointed Head Coach shall be allowed to attend on the day of the draft. Subject to the approval of the Division Director, the Head Coach may bring an independent person into the draft.
4. The drafting order will be randomly decided at the beginning of the draft. A reverse order format will be used.  
Example (assumes 4 teams):  
Goalenders: Round One: 1, 2, 3, 4. Round Two: 4, 3, 2, 1.  
Skaters: Round Three: 4, 3, 2, 1. Round Four: 3, 2, 1, 4.  
Round Five: 2, 1, 4, 3. Round Six: 1, 4, 3, 2.
5. The coaches' child shall be selected in the round that they evaluate out at (except for AA).
6. A Head Coach will not draft the child of another Head Coach at the same drafting table.
7. Any discussion that takes place at the drafting table is done so in the strictest of confidence. Anyone that partakes in the drafting process shall not under any circumstances and in any manner communicate to any player including goalies or the parent of any player, any information related to the draft, final ranking, score and grouping of any player and/or goalie.

### **U15AA**

1. Each player will be assigned a final ranking of 1 to 6 to the nearest decimal point that allows for a list of approximately the top 69 skaters and top 10 goalies (assumes 3 teams).
2. Each coach will be able to protect up to a maximum of four (4) players from the previous years team only. Included in the players protected will be the Head Coaches child. The list of protected players must be given to the Division Director at the conclusion of the first stage of evaluations. The protected players will be the coaches first picks in the draft.
3. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 69 skaters or 10 goalies. Note that any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
4. Skaters ranked 1-30 and goalies ranked 1-2 must be selected in the draft. This assumes 45 skaters and 6 goalies will be selected.

### **U15A**

1. Each player will be assigned a final ranking of 1 to 6 to the nearest decimal point that allows for a list of approximately the top 120 skaters and top 18 goalies (assumes 6 teams).
2. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 120 skaters or 18 goalies. Note that any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.

3. Skaters ranked 1-60 and goalies ranked 1-6 must be selected in the draft. This assumes 90 skaters and 12 goalies will be selected.

**U15B**

1. Each player will be assigned a final ranking of 1 to 6, to the nearest decimal point.
2. Based on the final rankings, players will be grouped in flights of n, whereby n is the number of U15 B teams. A coach will be able to select a player from the current flight only. When there are n players remaining in a group, then the next group of players will be introduced.
  - a. Example (Assume 6 teams):
    - i. Group A = 1 to 18
    - ii. Group B = 19 to 24
    - iii. Group C = 25 to 30
    - iv. Group D = etc
3. The draft will start with Group A. After each round of drafting, the next group of skaters will be introduced. Note that any registered injured/absent players will be selected after all the other players have been selected.