

# HRI 2021/22 U18 AA, A, B EVALUATION & TEAM FORMATION PROCESS



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## **PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines and procedures for player evaluations and placement within the U18 AA, A and B Divisions.

## **OVERVIEW**

1. For U18, the City will be divided into one (1) zone.
2. The number of players on each team in a given Tier will be determined by registration numbers.
3. There will be three (3) U18 AA teams. For determining the number of A teams, the following grid will be used as a guideline:

<b># of skaters registered for A+B</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>85-115</b>	3
<b>116-145</b>	4
<b>146-180</b>	5
<b>181-220</b>	6

4. To complete a successful evaluation of the players the following personnel will be required:
  - Evaluator coordinator – To co-ordinate, record and summarize all the evaluation forms of the evaluators. This person would be an independent (Division director or designate).
  - Evaluators – Included in this will be the short-listed coaches and independents.
  - Registration personnel – One/two people to handle handing out jerseys at initial ice session and take attendance at all sessions. Also they will need to be present for the final scrimmage portion of the evaluations.
  - Bench persons – For the scrimmage portions, parents are needed to handle the gates/benches of both teams.
5. All player notification prior to the ice session will be done by e-mail.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Evaluations for U18 AA, A and B are open to all U18 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 U18 AA, A or B. It is the understanding that registering for A, or A does not guarantee a placement on a AA or A team.
3. To be eligible for the U18 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, prior to their assigned session. 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 U18 AA or A evaluations have started, late registrations and transfers for U18 AA and A will be accepted up to the registration deadline.

## **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 or any other coaches' child. Only the independent evaluators will evaluate the coaches' children.
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:** Any parent interfering in the evaluation process may be subject to disciplinary action.

**U18 AA**

1. The evaluation process for U18 AA 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 U18 AA coach will pick up to twenty (22) skaters and three (3) goalies.
3. In stage two of the evaluations, each team will have approximately three (3) practices and two (2) exhibition games. At the conclusion of the practices and games, the coaches will meet to finalize their team of 2 goalies and 17 skaters.
4. After the U18 AA evaluations have started a player can choose to opt out of AA and request to be placed in A/B if they wish. To opt out they must submit their request in writing to the Division Director prior to the second scrimmage of the AA evaluations. Placement for any subsequent requests made after the second scrimmage will be at the discretion of the Division Director.
5. At the conclusion of the first stage of the evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade.
6. Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U18 AA team will be advised of the A evaluation dates via e-mail.

**U18 A**

1. The U18 A evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U18 AA team and the players that chose to go directly to U18 A.
2. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill + goalie session
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages
3. After the U18 A evaluations have started a player can choose to opt out of U18 A and request to be placed in U18 B if they wish. To opt out they must submit their request in writing to the Division Director prior to the second scrimmage of the U18 A evaluations. Placement for any subsequent requests made after the second scrimmage will be at the discretion of the Division Director.
4. At the conclusion of the third scrimmage, 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 U18 A team will be advised of the U18 B dates via e-mail.

**U18 B**

1. The U18 B evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U18 A team and the players that chose to go directly to U18 B.
2. The evaluation process will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill + goalie session
  - One (1) controlled scrimmages

3. At the conclusion of the scrimmages, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade. The Director reserves the right to adjust player rankings.

## **TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

### **OVERVIEW**

1. The U18 teams will be determined via a draft process.
2. Prior to the draft, the coaches will be given an alphabetized list of eligible players.
3. The final appointed Head Coach shall be allowed to attend on the day of the draft. Subject to the approval of the Director of Evaluations and in consultation with the Division Director, the Head Coach may bring another 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):

Goaltenders:	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.  
Example (assume 4 teams):  
Round One: Ranked 1 to 4  
Round Three: Ranked 9 to 12  
Round Five, etc  
Round Two: Ranked 5 to 8  
Round Four: Ranked 13 to 16
6. A Head Coach will not draft the child of another Head Coach at the same drafting table.
7. No telecommunication devices will be allowed into the draft.
8. 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.

### **U18 AA**

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 81 skaters and top 10 goalies (assumes 3 teams).
2. Each coach will be able to protect up to a maximum of six (1) 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.
3. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 81 skaters or 10 goalies. Note any registered injured/absent player will be ranked at the end and 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.

**U18 A**

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 100 skaters and top 12 goalies (assumes 4 teams).
2. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 81 skaters or 10 goalies. Note any registered injured/absent player will be ranked at the end and be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
3. Skaters ranked 1-40 and goalies ranked 1-3 must be selected in the draft.

**U18 B**

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 Tier 3 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.

Example (Assume 6 teams):

Group A = 1 to 12  
Group B = 13 to 18  
Group C = 19 to 24  
Group D = 25 to 30  
Group E = etc

3. The draft will start with Group A. After each round of drafting, the next group of skaters will be introduced. Any registered injured/absent players will be selected after all the other players have been selected.