

# Evaluation & Team Formation Process

*U13AA, U13A, U13B, U13C*  
**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 U13AA, U13A, U13B and U13C division tiers.

## Overview

1. For U13. 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. For determining the number of U13 AA, A and B teams, the following grid will be used as a guideline:

# of skaters registered for U13	AA	A	B
260 – 289	5	5	6
290 – 309	5	5	7
310 – 339	5	6	7
340 – 359	5	6	8
360 – 389	5	7	8
390 – 414	5	7	9
415 – 439	5	8	9
440 – 479	5	8	10
480 – 499	5	9	10
500 – 524	5	9	11
525 – 549	5	10	11

4. Evaluators will be the short-listed coaches and contracted independent evaluators. For AA, A and B the coach's grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade.

## Player Eligibility

1. Evaluations for U13 AA, A, B and C are open to all U13 aged hockey players (male and female) that are, as per Hockey Regina (HRI) regulations, registered with HRI and paid the appropriate evaluation fee.
2. Upon registration, a player will have the ability to register to try out for U13 AA, A, B or C. It is the understanding that registering for U13AA, A or B does not guarantee a placement on a U13AA, A or B team.
3. To be eligible for the U13AA, A or B team selection draft, all players must be registered for and attend the evaluations of that particular Tier. An exception may be granted, at Director discretion, if a player is unable to attend the evaluation sessions due to an extenuating circumstance (i.e. – an injury).
4. Players must communicate their absence to the Division Director and Hockey Regina office, 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 and Hockey Regina office.
6. Once the U13AA, A or B evaluations have started, later registrations and transfers for U13AA, A and B will be accepted up to the final evaluation session of that 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, agility 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
  - **Mobility** – Skating ability, moves with speed and in control in ready position, reacts well to puck movement in zone
  - **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

### 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. **New for 2024**, no socks, pant shells or helmet stickers identifying previous non-HRI teams or AA teams are to be worn by players.
4. 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.

5. The coaches will not evaluate their own child, or the children of other coaches (**new for 2024**).
6. The evaluator coordinator will record all 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 the sessions of that Tier. For AA, A and B, the coach's 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.

### **U13AA**

1. The evaluation process for U13AA will be a two-stage process. The first stage will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill session
  - One (1) goalie session
  - One (1) controlled scrimmage

**Note:** returning Hockey Regina U13AA players will participate in the skill session and scrimmage. After their scrimmage, they will automatically go to the second stage of AA evaluations.
2. After the first stage all players will be advised of their next U13AA or A evaluation dates via email.
3. At the conclusion of the first stage, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade and approximately the top 120 skaters and top 16 goalies plus injured, etc. will participate in the second stage, which will consist of the following:
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages
4. At the conclusion of the U13AA evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade in the second stage scrimmages and 1<sup>st</sup> stage skill session.
5. After the U13AA evaluations have started, a player can choose to opt out of AA and request to be placed in A, B, or C or Female (if they are female). To opt out a player must submit their request in writing to the Division Director and Hockey Regina office prior to the scrimmage in the first stage of evaluations. Placement for any subsequent requests made after the scrimmage will be at the discretion of the Division Director.
6. Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U13AA team will be advised of the U13A evaluation dates.

### **U13A**

1. The U13A evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U13AA team and the players that registered directly to U13A.
2. The evaluation process for U13A will be a two-stage process. The first stage will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill session
  - One (1) goalie session
  - One (1) controlled scrimmage
3. After the first stage all players will be advised of their next U13A or B evaluation dates via email.

- At the conclusion of the first stage, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade and approximately the top 150 skaters and top 20 goalies plus injured, etc. will participate in the second stage, which will consist of the following:
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages

**Note:** For skaters/goalies the scores from the first stage skill session and goalie session will carry forward.

- At the conclusion of the U13A evaluation process, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade in the second stage of evaluations plus the first stage skill session and goalie session (for goalies).
- Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U13A team will be advised of the U13B evaluation dates.

### U13 B+C

- The U13B+C evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U13A team and the players that registered directly to U13B+C.
- The evaluation process for U13B will consist of the following:
  - One (1) skill session
  - One (1) goalie session
  - Two (2) controlled scrimmages
- At the conclusion of the scrimmages, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade in the U13B+C evaluations.
- Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U13B team will be advised via email.

## Team Selection Process

### Overview

- The U13 teams will be determined via a draft process.
- Prior to the draft, the coaches will be given a list of eligible players with associated rankings.
- The final appointed Head Coach shall be allowed to attend the draft. Subject to the approval of the Division Director, the Head Coach may bring an independent person into the draft.
- The drafting order will be decided at the beginning of the draft. A reverse order format will be used.

#### Example (assumes 4 teams):

Player Type	Draft Round	Draft Order
Goaltenders	Round One	1, 2, 3, 4
Goaltenders	Round Two	4, 3, 2, 1
Skaters	Round Three	4, 3, 2, 1
Skaters	Round Four	3, 2, 1, 4
Skaters	Round Five	2, 1, 4, 3
Skaters	Round Six	1, 4, 3, 2

- The coach's child shall be selected in the round that they evaluate out at.

**Example (assumes 4 teams):**

Round player will be selected in:	If player's ranking is between:
Round One	Ranked 1 to 4
Round Two	Ranked 5 to 8
Round Three	Ranked 9 to 12
Round Four	Ranked 13 to 16
Round Five	Ranked 17 to 20
(and so on pending where the player is ranked) ...	

6. A Head Coach will not draft the child of another Head Coach at the same drafting table.
7. All individuals participating in the draft are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner.
8. Discussion that takes place within the draft is to remain confidential. Anyone that partakes in the drafting process shall not communicate to players or parents, information related to the draft, final rankings, or grouping of players (including goalies).

**U13AA**

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 90 skaters and top 15 goalies (assumes 5 teams).
2. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 90 skaters or 15 goalies. Note that any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
3. The highest ranked 55 skaters and highest ranked 5 goalies must be selected in the draft. These are considered locked players. This assumes 75 skaters and 10 goalies will be selected. The exact roster size will be determined by registration numbers.

**U13A**

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 108 skaters and top 18 goalies (assumes 6 teams).
2. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 108 skaters or 18 goalies. Note that any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
3. The highest ranked 72 skaters and highest ranked 6 goalies must be selected in the draft. These are considered locked players. This assumes 90 skaters and 12 goalies are selected. The exact roster size will be determined by registration numbers.

**U13B**

4. 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 108 skaters and top 18 goalies (assumes 6 teams).
5. A coach will have the ability to draft any player in the top 108 skaters or 18 goalies. Note that any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.

6. The highest ranked 72 skaters and highest ranked 6 goalies must be selected in the draft. These are considered locked players. This assumes 90 skaters and 12 goalies are selected. The exact roster size will be determined by registration numbers.

### **U13C**

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 teams. A coach will be able to select a player from the current group only. The first group of players will consist of the first three flights. When there are “n” players remaining in a group, then the next flight of players will be introduced.

**Example (Assume 4 teams):**

Group A = 1 to 12 (Flights 1-3)

Group B = 13 to 16 (Flight 4)

Group C = 17 to 20 (Flight 5)

Group D = etc.

3. The draft will start with Group A. When 4 skaters remain in a group the next group of skaters will be introduced. This will occur from group to group every time 4 skaters remain. Note that any registered injured/absent players will be selected after all other players have been selected, in the last flight.