

HRI 2023/24 U13 AA, A, B & C EVALUATION & TEAM FORMATION PROCESS



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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines and procedures for player evaluations and placement within the U13 AA, A, B and C Divisions.

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 independents. **For AA, A and B, the coaches 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 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 U13 AA, A or B does not guarantee a placement on a U13 AA, A or B team.
3. To be eligible for the U13 AA, A or B 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 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 U13 AA, A or B evaluations have started, transfers for U13 AA, A and B 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, 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. 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, A and B, 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.

U13AA

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

Note: returning HRI 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 U13 AA or A evaluation dates.
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 1st 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/C or Female if they wish. To opt out they must contact the HRI office prior to the conclusion of the first stage of evaluations. Any subsequent requests made after the first stage will be subject to a \$100 transfer fee.
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 chose to go 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 + goalie session
 - One (1) controlled scrimmage
3. After the first stage all players will be advised of their next U13 A or B evaluation dates within 24 hours via e-mail.
4. 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 will carry forward.
5. 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 only.
5. Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U13A team will be advised of the U13B evaluation dates.

U13B

1. The U13B evaluations will be for all players not placed on a U13A team and the players chose to go directly U13B.
2. The evaluation process for U13B will consist of the following:

- One (1) skill + goalie session
 - Two (2) controlled scrimmage
3. At the conclusion of the scrimmages, the players will be ranked from 1 to n based on their grade in the U13B scrimmages + skill session.
 4. Once the team selection draft has occurred, players not placed on a U13B team will be advised.

U13C

1. The U13C evaluations will be for the players that chose to go directly to U13C. For all players not placed on a U13B team, they will not take part in the U13C evaluations.
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 in the U13C evaluations only.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

OVERVIEW

1. The U13 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 decided at the beginning of the draft. A reverse order format will be used.
Example (assume 5 teams):
Goaltenders: Round One: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Round Two: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
Skaters: Round Three: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Round Four: 4, 3, 2, 1, 5.
 Round Five: 3, 2, 1, 5, 4. Round Six: 2, 1, 5, 4, 3.
5. The coaches child shall be selected in the round that they evaluate out at. For AA, the Head coaches child will be slotted in to a round prior to evaluations.
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.

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: Any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
3. Skaters ranked 1-55 and goalies ranked 1-5 must be selected in the draft. This assumes 75 skaters and 10 goalies will be selected.

U13 A+B

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: Any registered injured/absent player will be eligible to be selected at any time in the draft.
3. Skaters ranked 1-72 and goalies ranked 1-6 must be selected in the draft. This assumes 90 skaters and 12 goalies are selected.

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 U13 C 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 18

Group B = 19 to 24

Group C = 25 to 30

Group D = 31 to 36

Group E = etc

3. The draft will start with Group A. When 12 eligible skaters remain in a group the next group of skaters will be introduced. This will occur from group to group every time 12 eligible skaters are remaining. Any injured and absent players will be selected after all the other players have been selected.