

# HRI 2023/24 U9 EVALUATION & TEAM FORMATION PROCESS



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**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines and procedures for player evaluations and placement within the U9 Divisions.

To provide more enjoyment by practicing, learning and playing with players of similar skills, abilities and desires.

**OVERVIEW**

1. For U9, the City will be a 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:

# players/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 independents. **Note the coaches 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 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. All players will be given a jersey that they will use for the evaluations. At the conclusion of the evaluations, the players will return the jersey to the registration person.
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 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. **Note the coaches grades will account for a maximum of 40% of the final grade.**
6. 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. HRI will make-up the teams based on the final grades.
3. Trades will only be allowed between players of equal rankings. The maximum amount of trades permitted for any one team will be three transactions of one player for another one player.