

2025 LMHA Evaluation Process FAQ



Q: Why are we using third-party evaluators?

- To ensure fairness, consistency, and transparency in the evaluation process. Independent evaluators help eliminate bias, and allow for more focus on player development.

Q: Who is 200 Hockey Development?

- A professional hockey development company based in Edmonton, known for their unbiased, skill-based evaluation process and experience working with minor hockey associations across Alberta.

Q: What does their evaluation process look like?

- Players in tiered hockey are assessed through a combination of:
 - Timed, skill-based drills, commonly referred to as Time Trials
 - Game play/scrimmages to evaluate an athlete's skill, hockey IQ, positioning, and compete level
- Players in the tryout process for AA Roughnecks and NCI AA will not see a change in their evaluation format from last season, only a change in the evaluation contractor.

Q: What criteria are used to evaluate players?

- Evaluators assess:
 - Skating ability
 - Puck skills
 - Game sense (hockey IQ, length of shifts, etc)
 - Work ethic and compete level
 - Team play and coachability

Q: Will players receive feedback?

- Team placement is the primary goal. The difference with this year will be no individual rankings/scores for each player after each skate, at any level of tryout or evaluation. LMHA directors will be onboarding a new evaluation software this season, Team Genius, and as we learn its capabilities this may evolve, but for this season we do not expect to provide any individual player outcomes apart from assignments to the next skate and final team placement.

Q: Who is Complete Goalie & Player+?

- A specialized evaluation and development group focused on goaltenders and skaters, offering position-specific assessments across Alberta.

Q: How are goalies evaluated?

- Goaltenders participate in:
 - Dedicated goalie skills sessions with drills tailored to their position and age
 - Scrimmages or game play to assess in-game performance

Q: What criteria are used to evaluate goalies?

- Evaluators assess:
 - Positioning and angles
 - Lateral movement and recovery
 - Save selection and rebound control
 - Puck handling and communication
 - Focus, effort, and consistency

Q: Will goalie feedback be shared?

- Evaluations are primarily used for team placement, similar to skater evaluations, goaltender evaluators will be using Team Genius as their evaluation software this season, under a LMHA license, and currently we do not expect to provide any feedback this season beyond next skate assignments and final team selection. As we evolve with the Team Genius software and learn it's capabilities more, we may consider going back to releasing some feedback down the road, however as our directors take on more ownership of the data this season and acclimate to the new software, we do not expect to disseminate feedback this fall.

Q: When will evaluations take place?

- Dates will be shared soon. Players and goalies will be expected to attend multiple sessions to ensure a fair and complete evaluation.

Q: How many evaluation sessions will each player/goalie attend?

- Tiered hockey evaluations will include 1 skills session and 2 game based evaluations. AA and NCI evaluations will have different schedules depending on the amount of registered athletes. Stay tuned for more details from the requisite directors if you are registered for an elite tryout.

Q: What happens if a player or goalie misses a session?

- Attendance at all sessions is **strongly** encouraged. However, life happens, and evaluators will work with the available data to provide a fair team placement. If a session is missed, please notify your level Director as soon as possible.

Q: Are players evaluated against others in their age group or skill level?

- Yes. Evaluations are structured to compare players within their appropriate age division and skill level to ensure fair placement.

Q: How is consistency ensured across evaluators?

- Evaluators follow standardized criteria and scoring rubrics. They take pride in their work and are diligent in ensuring they provide the most fair and effective feedback to allow for accurate final team selections. Creating competitive, appropriately grouped teams is the goal of our evaluators to allow each athlete to experience a competitive and developmentally advantageous season with LMHA in 2025-2026.

Q: Will players receive a score or ranking?

- Scores are used internally to assist with team placement. Rankings and scores will not be shared publicly this season to maintain a positive and development-focused environment. This decision was made with the guidance of the evaluation contractors, as well as based on the feedback provided in the evaluation survey circulated earlier this year.

Q: How does this evaluation process support long-term development?

- 200 Hockey and Complete Goalie & Player+ focus on identifying strengths and areas for growth. By ensuring that athletes are placed on teams composed of a similar skill range to their own, we expect teams to be able to experience competitive game play and structured practices which are appropriate to their skill level and as such, developmentally advantageous for our LMHA athletes. Through the efforts of evaluation contractors, LMHA coaches, LMHA development personnel, and all those invested in minor hockey in our community, we continue to keep the development of athletes within LMHA programming as a top priority at all levels of our offerings.

Q: How will we be informed about evaluation dates and times?

- Your level Director will be sure to communicate updates and schedules via email, and they will also be posted on the LMHA website under the appropriate age level page. This season your evaluation skate assignments will come via the Team Genius software, please ensure you are watching for those emails leading up to the evaluation start dates and reach out to your level directors if you have any questions or concerns.

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions during the evaluation period?

- Please reach out to your level Director for any questions or concerns related to evaluations.