



SPKAC 2019/20 Tryout and Evaluation Process Overview

Introduction:

The primary goal of the SPKAC Player Evaluations is to maintain an equitable and thorough process for assessing player abilities, skills, and placing players on to teams that will promote individual development and team success.

Player evaluation will be used to place players onto teams and the information obtained from these evaluations will be given to coaches so that they can see what the strengths and weaknesses of those players are. Coaches will be allotted the opportunity to make final decisions on their team selection and be prepared to justify the final roster to their respective Directors and Hockey Operations based on results from all evaluations and evaluators.

Player Evaluation Teams

For the 2019 SPKAC Evaluations, Player Evaluation Teams will exist at each of the Midget, Female, Bantam, and PeeWee levels. Each Evaluation Team will consist of:

- Division Director (oversees the Division evaluations)
- Division Team Head Coaches (supported by their Assistant Coaches)
- Independent Evaluators in the Pee Wee division
- Oversight by Technical Directors

It is important to note that all SPKAC Head Coaches and Independent Evaluators will be comprised of individuals possessing strong hockey backgrounds and extensive hockey experience.

Evaluation Session Structure:

The Tryouts provide evaluation teams the opportunity to observe players in structured sessions.

Evaluation Objectives:

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills during the skills and scrimmage sessions.
- To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill level as determined during the on-ice evaluations.
- To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude as well as information from other evaluators.
- To provide uniformity and consistency in the evaluation process such that a player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the association's programs.
- To form teams to maintain balanced and competitive play where athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season to provide feedback in order to develop players.



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Division Milestones

Please check the SPKAC website regularly for tryout session updates for tryout groups and times.

Male Midget

- All 15, 16, and 17 year-old Male Midget Players: Scrimmage sessions and goaltender sessions.

Major Midget AAA Camp

- Once the 3 scrimmages and 1 goaltender session are complete, the top players and goaltenders will remain in the Major Midget AAA camp.
- All Non Resident 16 and 17 year old players not in the AAA camp will be released to their Local Minor Hockey Association ("LMHA").
- All 15 year old players who are released will be moved into the Minor Midget AAA camp.
- All remaining resident players will go to the Major Midget AA camp.
- Major Midget AAA camp players will then be divided into 2 groups and take part in scrimmage sessions. Another round of releases will take place.
- The remaining players will then take part in practice and dryland sessions.
- The top players and goaltenders will attend an Ice Breaker Tournament
- During the Ice Breaker Tournament, the Major Midget AAA camp will reduce to final team numbers.

Minor Midget AAA Camp

- Any 15 year-old players who opted to only take part in the Minor Midget AAA camp will begin tryouts at this stage.
- Players will be divided into 2 groups and will compete in scrimmages and practices. The top skaters and goaltenders remaining will go to the SSAC Ice Breaker tournament.
- During the Ice Breaker tournament, the Minor Midget AAA camp will be reduced to final team numbers.
- Released players will report to the Midget 15AA camp or LMHA.



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Major Midget AA & Midget 15AA Camps

- Midget players will be divided into appropriate groups and take part in practice sessions.
- The top players and goaltenders in Major Midget AA and Midget 15AA will attend the SSAC Ice Breaker Tournament.
- During the Ice Breaker Tournament, the teams will reduce to final team numbers.
- Released players will report to SPMHA.

Male Midget Player Releases

- See the [Alberta Development Model Player Movement Process](#) document or **SPKAC “What If I’m Released”** document for detailed AAA release procedures and notification requirements. These documents can be found on the SPKAC website or the Hockey Alberta website.

Please Note Hockey Alberta Changes for 2019: *** ADM Change for Midget AAA cuts: There are changes with respect to the Alberta Development hockey model. There will be no movement of players who are cut unless they have been registered on HCR (Hockey Canada Registry) This effectively means that all the early cuts are trying out for Midget AA as they cannot go anywhere. This will facilitate creation of our AA teams much quicker. Please note that if a 15-year-old is cut from Major Midget, he can then try out for the AMMHL (15 AAA). If he is cut at that point, then as a 15-year-old, he still has the right to travel to the next closest zone to try out for another 15 AAA team as before.

- Player releases done after the initial group separations will be done 1 on 1 with the Coach and Player. A Hockey Operations/Executive Member will be in attendance. All released players will be given Waivers & Options Information at that time.

If you have any questions regarding the tryout process please do not hesitate to contact the Midget Director (Kings/Oilers), David Ruttan David.ruttan@gmail.com or the Midget Minor Director (Squires/Senators), Kelly Dalke kellydalke@tiltinspection.com



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Male Bantam

- All Bantam Players: Scrimmage sessions and goaltender sessions.

Bantam AAA Camp

- Once the 3 scrimmage and goaltender sessions are complete, the top players and goaltenders will remain in the Bantam AAA camp.
- All Non Resident players not in the AAA camp will be released to their Local Minor Hockey Association (“LMHA”).
- Local Residents not in the AAA camp will be released to the AA camp.
- The top skaters and goaltenders will go to the SSAC Ice Breaker AAA tournament
- During the Ice Breaker tournament, the AAA camp will be reduced to final team numbers.
- Non Resident players will be released to their LMHA.
- Local Residents will be released to the AA camp.

Bantam AA Camp

- Players in the AA camp will be divided into 2 groups and will compete in scrimmages and/or practices.
- Remaining players in the AA camp will be redrafted into 2 teams and compete in a parity game. These two teams do not represent the final rosters, but only a mix of the remaining players.
- The top skaters and goaltenders remaining will go to the SSAC Ice Breaker AA tournament.
- During the Ice Breaker tournament, the AA camp will be reduced to final team numbers and players will be assigned to the Leafs/Sabres.
- All released players will report to SPMHA.

Male Bantam Player Releases

- See the [Alberta Development Model Player Movement Process](#) document or **SPKAC “What If I’m Released”** document for detailed AAA release procedures and notification requirements. These documents can be found on the SPKAC website or the Hockey Alberta website.
- Player releases done after the initial group separations will be done 1 on 1 with the Coach and Player. A Hockey Operations/Executive Member will be in attendance. All released players will be given Waivers & Options Information at that time.

If you have any questions regarding the tryout process please do not hesitate to call the Bantam Director, Shayne Gudmundson shaynegudmundson@shaw.ca



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PeeWee

Our tryout process will be as follows:

- We will be creating 4 groups. Each group will play 3 scrimmages.
- These 4 groups have been selected by the PeeWee Director with the objective to create 4 balanced groups based on the following factors:
 - number of defencemen
 - number of forwards
 - number of goalies
 - number of first and second year players
 - level played last season

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- During the scrimmages, the players will be graded by independent evaluators as well as the two head coaches.
- To allow the coaches to have a focused look at all the goalies, a separate goalie session will be held. Shooters will be required to help during the goalie session and we are extending an invitation to all returning Kings Pee Wee AA skaters to come out and help. Shooters are not graded.
- Following the 3rd and final scrimmage, the SPKAC will conduct a first round of releases. Releases posted via the SPKAC website.
- The remaining players will be re-organized into two balanced teams. These two teams do not represent the final rosters, but only a mix of the remaining players. Each team will have a practice on and play one exhibition game.
- There will be a final head to head game between the Jets and the Steel Kings to facilitate parity. Some player movement **may** occur after this game, but no players will be released. All players will receive a call from one of the two coaches to confirm which team they will be playing on for the season.

If you have any questions regarding the tryout process please do not hesitate to call the Pee Wee Director, Jason Zaichkowsky jasonz.spkac@gmail.com



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Female Midget

Female Midget Elite Camp

- Once the first sessions are complete, the top players and goaltenders will remain in the Female Midget Elite camp.
- Camp dates, times and locations will be available on the SPKAC website.
- Released players will follow the Elite Player Movement Protocol.
- Further releases may occur periodically until approximately September 30th.

See **Player Movement Protocol** within the
"What if I'm Released" document on the SPKAC website.

Female Bantam

Female Bantam Elite Camp

- Once the first sessions are complete, the top players and goaltenders will remain in the Female Bantam Elite camp.
- Camp dates, times and locations will be available on the SPKAC website.
- Released players will follow the Elite Player Movement Protocol.
- Further releases may occur periodically until approximately September 30th.

See **Player Movement Protocol** within the
"What If I'm Released" document on the SPKAC website.

If you have any questions regarding the tryout process please do not hesitate to call the Female Director, Fran Jewell at frances.jewell@advico.ca

Conclusion



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The goal of the SPKAC Player Evaluation Process is to fairly evaluate players, and place them on the best team that matches their skill level, and ability in the fairest way possible, using many 'checks and balances'.

SPKAC recognizes that there is no perfect process, and that there will always be players and parents who will disagree and be upset with the decisions. This will always exist in the case of a Tiered/Rep system. We believe that our process is reasonable, fair and in the end, provides players the opportunity to play on a team that is matched to that players overall ability.

Please note that the information provided in this document should be viewed as a guideline and is subject to change. If you have any specific questions they should be directed to the appropriate Category Director.