Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association Rules and Regulations

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Player Selection Committee

Player/Coach Selection Committee Description

This Subcommittee of the SLMH Executive shall consist of the Coaching Director, the Vice President and three to five directors that they have appointed, from executive volunteers. This committee is responsible for the interview process and selection of the head coach. Committee members may change for each Division due to conflict of interest.

i. Player Selection Criteria

- The Player Selection Committee or third party evaluators are responsible for set up of Player Evaluators. Evaluators cannot evaluate their own child's Division or any relative's children's division. If there are any discrepancies, the Coaching Director will make the final decision.
- 2. SLMHA will make all attempts necessary to have three Evaluators to evaluate the players.
- 3. Evaluators will rank the top group of players based on an assessment of the entire division of player registrations.
- 4. Goaltenders will be ranked by evaluators. If no adequate Goaltender Evaluator is available, then the Player Evaluators will rank the goaltender. The head coach will have discretion using evaluation numbers.
- 5. The player selection committee will strive to have one person as the lead for each division during divisional skates and evaluations. Any member who would like to participate as a lead or a helper needs to submit their name to the Coaching Director prior to divisional skates starting.
- 6. A registered player must commit to evaluating as a goalie with the intention of playing said position.

****SLMHA will follow contracted third party evaluation protocols for current season of play

ii. Player/Coach Selection Process:

SLMHA will follow evaluation protocols of contracted third party evaluators, if third party is not available SLMHA will follow the following steps:

- 1. Players will be divided into two equal teams by the Divisional Lead, in association with the Divisional Coordinator, for weeknight evaluations. This will be age generated with half first-year players and half second year players for each team.
- Players will be given a jersey number prior to going on ice. The Division Coordinator will
 write out the list of players and their assigned jersey number. Jerseys will be collected after
 evaluation on the first night and given back to the correct player on the second night for
 evaluations.
- 3. There will be three evaluated skates for all players at all divisions. If numbers or skill level dictate, players may be asked to not return for the coach's skate.
- 4. Head coach of the highest tier team will choose the players/goalies moving onto the coach's skate after the third evaluated skate. This decision will be made based on the evaluation numbers from the three evaluated skates.
- 5. The head coach will select the team from the players available, based on the evaluations, as well as past attendance and behavior history after the Coach's skate. If

- the coach wishes, the Player Selection Committee can select the team based on the evaluation numbers. The team must be finalized within 24 hours of the coach's skate and approved by two player selection committee members who are not on the coaching roster.
- 6. The team size (number of players) will be determined by the Player Selection Committee, based on registration numbers. First priority will be to split teams equally based on numbers. However, skill level will also be considered when determining the-number of players per team.
- 7. Once the highest tiered team is selected, the next lower tiered team head coach will be selected. The Player Selection Committee will provide this coach with the evaluation numbers from the three evaluated skates for the remaining players/goalies. One more skate will happen with all remaining players/goalies. Then the coaches skate for the next lowest tiered team. The team must be finalized within 24 hours of the coach's skate and approved by two player selection committee members who are not on the coaching roster.
- 8. If necessary, the next lower tiered team head coach will be selected and all remaining players/goalies will form the third team for the division.
- 9. Goalies will be expected to show up at all tryouts regardless of rotation.
- 10. The head coach must notify all players/goalies selected for their team within 24 hours via phone call if possible or via email. This MUST occur within 24 hours of the coach's skate. The head coach must also send their roster to the Division Coordinator within 24 hours to be approved by two members of the player selection committee.
- 11. The Divisional Coordinator must receive the final roster from the head coach within 24 hours of the coach's skate. The Divisional Coordinator MUST notify all players who have not been selected for this roster and advise them of their next skate within 24 hours.
- 12. Player evaluation ranking will not be shared to parties outside of the player selection committee and Head Coach.

b. Coach Selection:

i. Coach Selection Criteria:

- 1. Coaches cannot be Division Coordinator and Head Coach within the same division.
- 2. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must fill out a Coach's Application, to be considered for any position. All applicants must obtain and submit a criminal record check including a vulnerable sector check, to the Administrator. In the event no application is provided for Assistant coaches, the head coach assumes responsibility for assistant coaches on the registered rooster.
- Coach applicants must be approachable and willing to work with the SLMHA Coaching Director, as well as follow the SLMHA's principles and objectives in a positive and solution based manner.
- 4. Coaching staff must sign and abide by the Coach's Fair Play Pledge as set out by Hockey Canada and supported by SLMHA.
- 5. Coaching staff must meet Hockey Alberta guidelines regarding coaching level requirements. See coaching requirements as outlined in the Hockey Alberta By-Laws.
- 6. Coaching staff must be willing to represent SLMHA in a positive manner both at home and away.
- 7. Failure of a Coach to abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and SLMHA may result in disciplinary action or removal of the Coach at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

- 8. Any team that has female players should have a female Coach, Manager, or parent that has taken the Respect In Sport Coach course.
- 9. The Administrator will confirm the HCR Coaching Qualifications prior to the selection process.

ii. Coach Selection Process:

- 1. Committee is to meet to review all coaching applications prior to the 3rd evaluated skate.
- 2. Coach's application as well as any other information about the coach will be reviewed by the Player/Coach selection committee prior to the interview.
- 3. Head Coach will be chosen with consideration given to the following criteria:
 - a. Coaching Experience
 - b. Coaching Qualifications
 - c. Hockey Experience
 - d. Past history with the Association on record
 - e. Established rapport with players and parents in applicable position
- 4. Only when the above criteria are found to be equal between two or more Coaches, will the Committee consider any disciplinary action or written complaints about a potential Coach.
- 5. Coach selection will be made at the discretion of the Player/Coach Selection Committee.
- 6. The head coach will then use the above criteria outlined in point 3 to select designated assistant coaches. Head coach can request assistance from the Player/Selection committee if needed.

**** SLMHA will abide by contracted third party evaluation process

2. REGISTRATION

A. Fees and Registration

Payment of all fees should be made at the time of registration by cheque or EFT. All fees are due by August 31st , unless a payment plan has been arranged with the administrator. Players with unpaid fees or no approved payment plan will not be permitted to practice or play games after August 15 or first day of evaluations, whichever comes first. Monthly payment plan installments are due the 15th of each month.

- 1. Any registrations received after August 15th may ONLY be accepted if needed for numbers prior to evaluations.
- 2. For new members to the Association, a photocopy of Alberta Health Care Card and Birth Certificate for each player must be-included at online registration.
- 3. Players must be registered prior to going on the ice for evaluations. Players will only be eligible to be evaluated if all fees are paid in full.
- 4. In cases where a player has just moved to town and is new to SLMHA, regular registration fee will be charged.

- 5. MAXIMUM OF \$1875 per family with 3 children or more, must be paid by August 31 or late fees apply.
- 6. A request for refund of Registration fees must be submitted in writing to the Administrator. Reimbursement is not mandatory but may be considered based on the following:
 - a. First ice session up to October 31* of the current year 100% of the Registration fee less the HA Registration Fee
 - b. November 1sthrough November 30s of the current year − 75% of the Registration fee less the HA Registration Fee
 - c. December 1sthrough December 31s of the current year 50% of the Registration fee less the HA Registration Fee
 - d. After December 31* of the current year no refund
 - e. Registration reimbursement will not be given for:
 - i. Dissatisfaction of team placements/teammates
 - ii. Dissatisfaction of coach placement
- 7. SLMHA board reserves the right to restrict registration based on previous history. If a player withdraws registration in the previous season of play, the player's registration will not be accepted until approved by the SLMHA board.
- 8. Full registration entitles the player, U7 and above, up to two practices per week as well as League registration and Hockey Alberta insurance.
- 9. Ice time for all League and playoff games will be paid for by the Association, this does not include exhibition games. Coverage does include U7 and U9 house leagues.
- 10. Only cash will be accepted following an NSF cheque.
- 11. When an NSF cheque is realized and or late EFT, the Player's parents/guardians will be notified immediately by a Board Member and that player is no longer permitted to play or practice until fees are paid in cash plus a \$45.00 NSF handling charge.
- 12. New registrants to hockey (must not have played previous years) will be given a 25% discount on Registration Fee only.
- 13. Any player registering as a goalie, for U13 and higher division, will be given a 100% discount on Registration Fee only.
- 14. Payment plan options are available by contacting the Administrator before July 31st of the registration year and all payments must be completed by January 15th.
- 15. Player registration will not be accepted until the respect in sport parent course is completed by a guardian of the registering player.

B. Registration after Evaluations – Player Placement

*This will apply but not limit to injury, family passing, etc. Approval will be granted by the player selection committee

- 1. If a player registers with SLMHA after the teams have been selected, the player will initially be placed on the lowest tiered team in the division. The Coaching Director, Player/Coach selection committee, along with the Coaches of the next higher tiered team in the Division, will be asked to observe a minimum of two practices to determine if this is an appropriate placement for the player.
- 2. If the player's skill level is determined to be above the lowest tiered team, then he/she will practice with the next highest tiered team for a minimum of two practices. The Coaching Director, Player/Coach selection committee, and coaches of the next higher tiered team in the division will observe these practices to determine skill placement.
- 3. This process will be repeated until the player is placed on the team that allows the player to

- play and compete at their appropriate skill level.
- 4. In the event a higher tiered team is experiencing low numbers after a new registration joins, all players, including the new registration, that attended the Coaches skate for the stated team will be given consideration for the vacant spot. The player/coach selection committee will reserve the right for final decision on player placement.

C. Registered Head Office and Records Office

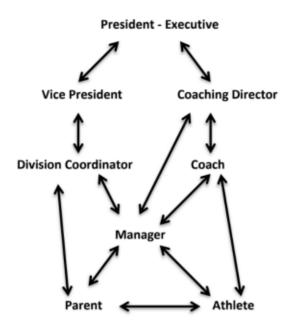
a. The location at which the Society shall maintain its registered head office and its record office is the Multi Rec Center, 305-6 Ave SW, Slave Lake Alberta TOG 2A4

3. PLAYER INFORMATION

a. Age Divisions

- 1. Slave Lake Minor Hockey Divisions are based on the ages of the players prior to December 31st for the Season.
- 2. All players must register in their own age division
- 3. Age Divisions are:
 - U7 5-6-years old
 - U9 7-8-years old
 - U11 9-10-years old
 - U13 11-12-years old
 - U15 13-14-years old
 - U18 15-17-years old
 - U15-18 Female 13-17-years old
- 4. SLMHA does not support any registered player playing in an adult recreation or commercial League. Any player who chooses to, does so at their own risk and expense.

b. Conflict Resolutions



- 1. Conflicts can start or end at any point on the above chart. A parent or athlete has many avenues for issues to be resolved. If they are not happy with the decision from their first level of resolution they can appeal to the next. Appeals and concerns will only be addressed through the SLMHA board if submitted in writing. The written decision of the Board is final and binding.
- 2. If there is a concern about confrontation, any issues of unacceptable conduct and behavior are to be handled by the processes outlined in the Game and Conduct Manual. www.hockevalberta.ca/members/game-conduct-management/

c. Practices

- 1. No player is allowed on the ice without a Coach being present. No players are allowed on the ice until the large maintenance gates are closed.
- 2. Dressing rooms must be left in an acceptable level of cleanliness.
- 3. All players must wear full hockey protective equipment, including throat protectors, before stepping onto any ice surface, either in a practice or a game. Goalies throat protectors (dangler) are required for U-11 and up.
- 4. SLMHA will pay for Teams to practice until their final League or Provincial game is complete. SLMHA will pay for practice times for teams that booked into tournaments or exhibition games prior to March 8
 - a. of the current season, until the date of the tournament or exhibition game. Any
 practices utilized after this time will be paid for by the individual Team. Division
 Coordinators are to inform the Ice Manager when their Teams have completed League
 or Provincial play.
- 5. Teams losing practices due to Clinics will be allowed to schedule make up practices. This must be done through the Ice Scheduler. Missed practices due to holidays are <u>NOT</u> eligible for rescheduling at SLMHA cost. PLEASE NOTE: Personal bookings are not covered by Hockey Canada insurance.
- 6. Players are only allowed to practice with a team they are rostered to unless both head coaches are in agreement for that said practice. This includes the player's regular team and any team that player may be affiliated to. Special consideration will be given upon approval by SLMHA administrators to players outside of the SLMHA registration.

d. Affiliation

- Affiliations shall be approved by the President and Administrator in consultation with the Head
 coaches of both teams involved, or individual players where required, after all the team carding
 has been completed. Copies of affiliations will be given to each Coach and Manager when
 complete.
- 2. Affiliation will follow the Alberta 1 Affiliation grid except:
 - i. If there are two equal teams in one division. In this case, the coaches of the higher team will be asked to select up to five players from the two equal teams to affiliate. The two equal team coaches will be asked to select 5-6 players from the team below them to affiliate to their teams.
 - ii. Female players will be given the choice to affiliate to the division higher, and the Minor female team.
- 3. To use an affiliated player, the Head Coach must first check with the affiliated player's

Head Coach to ensure the player is not needed for a game with his own team. The player can be approached for affiliation if there are no scheduling conflicts. It is up to the individual player and his/her parents to choose if he/she would like to play with the team that he/she is affiliated to.

- 4. Affiliated players are only to practice with the team they are affiliated to, upon request by the Head Coach. There must be open communication between the Head coaches for players and practices.
- 5. Head Coaches are to track players used by affiliation.

Affiliation Grid

Or

https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/alberta-one/standardized-tiering/

Player Advancement

- 1. Where a player has special reasons for seeking advancement to another division, a written request must be submitted to the Player/Coach Selection Committee. The player's hockey skills shall be objectively rated by evaluators at the requested level. Players requesting to move up will only be approved if the player evaluates in the top 5 of the higher division. The Player /Coach Selection Committee reserves the right to finalize player movement requests and will have the final say on what is deemed a "special reason" for advancement.
- 2. Any advancement requires the consent of the player and of the player's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- 3. Before any consideration of advancement, there must be deemed an available position for the player to advance to in the higher division and must be beneficial to the Association.
- 4. Requests to move up will not be accepted after evaluations have commenced.
- SLMHA on occasion may request players or goalies to move. Based on evaluations and or team size, the Board and/or Player/Coach Selection Committee will have final discretion for player movement. Under those circumstances the above procedure would be used to determine the correct player(s).

4. COACHING INFORMATION

A. Coaching Requirements

- 1. These courses are to be completed prior to December 31* of the current hockey season. All coaches must have Respect In Sport: Activity Leader.
 - i. Division requirements are listed on the Hockey Alberta website: www.hockeyalberta.ca/coaches/coaching-requirements/
- 2. Managers must sign and take responsibility for equipment for the duration of the hockey Season. Equipment is to be returned at the end of each season to Division Coordinators. Loans of equipment, jerseys or other Minor Hockey property in the off-season must be through the Equipment Manager. Jerseys must be kept and maintained by the Coaches/Managers during the hockey season, then returned to the Equipment Manager at the completion of the season.
- 3. Players, U7, U9, U11 are to have fair and equal ice time during practices, games and

- tournaments.
- 4. Coaches must attend meetings as required by the Executive.
- 5. Coach's spouse shall not be Managers of their spouse's team due to potential conflict. Assistant Coach's spouses may be a Manager only if there are no other volunteers.
- 6. Coaches over the age of 18 years are required to get a criminal record check. As per Hockey Alberta regulations, coaches must obtain and submit a criminal record check, including a vulnerable sector check, to the administrator.
- 7. Coaches must follow all Hockey Alberta coaching guidelines.
- 8. One coach per team is required to attend the annual pre-season safety meeting hosted by Safety Coordinator and Coaching Director.
- 9. Review under age refs before roostering to team.

B. Equipment

- 1. A charge of \$200 per jersey will be applied to Coaches who do not return their jerseys at the end of the Season.
- 2. First aid kits will be given to each Team at the beginning of the season by Division Coordinators. Teams will be responsible for replacing them if they are not returned.
- 3. All equipment shall be returned to the Division Coordinator prior to the AGM.
- 4. One set of goalie equipment will be supplied to each team in U9, U11, U13, U15 and U18 goalies will be required to provide their own equipment. (Special consideration will be given to U13, U15, U18 aged players based on availability of equipment owned by SLMHA). Goalie equipment is to be returned to the Division Coordinator at the end of each season.
- 5. Any equipment borrowed in the off-season such as for hockey school, must be arranged through the Equipment Manager.

C. Ice Cancellation

- 1. Ice cancellation or practices must be given to the Ice Manager 72 hours prior to the assigned time.
- 2. Ice cancellations for games must be given to the ice manager by Monday before the following weekend games.
- 3. Cancellations due to inclement weather must be reported to the Ice Manager and Ref-in-Chief as soon as possible. This will be done by either the Manager or Coach via email or text. The Ice Manager will then inform the MRC Staff of the cancellation so SLMHA can avoid charges for unused ice time. Managers must send ice cancellation email or text as well as email or text Division Coordinator with Treasurer's month end paperwork, to have as reference for the cancellation.

5. Tournaments

- a. All divisions are eligible to host tournaments if ice time allows.
- b. Fixed Tournament dates for each Division in the Association are as follows (Teams/Divisions may decline their allotted time with proper notification to the Ice Scheduler via email):
 - i. U7– 3rd weekend January (1-2 days)
 - ii. U9– 1st weekend in February (1-2 days)
 - iii. U11 –2nd weekend in December (2 days)
 - iv. U13 –4th weekend in November (2 days)
 - v. U15, U18 and U15-U18 Female are to make arrangements with the Ice Scheduler, using the proper channels if they would like to host a tournament.
- c. Any teams interested in hosting a Provincial Tournament must have Board approval prior to application.

- All inquiries must be vetted through the Division Coordinator to present to the Board.
- d. 25% of tournament profits after all costs (ice time, referees etc.) will be submitted to SLMHA.
- e. SLMHA will cover cost for tournament style playoff games

6. Fundraising

- a. Teams are required to maintain accurate records of all fundraising, including how the funds are spent, as per Alberta Gaming requirements.
- b. All required monthly forms are due to SLMHA Treasurer by the 7th day of the month by team treasurers. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine. Cancellation of ice time will occur if the required forms and fines are not paid by the next scheduled ice time.
- c. All money left over at the end of the Hockey season must be returned no later than the AGM to SLMHA unless prior arrangements are made with the SLMHA Treasurer.
- d. All cheques that are written out to SLMHA or cheques that are over \$1000.00 are to go through the SLMHA Treasurer. The Treasurer will call the Company and verify whether the money is meant for the Team or for the Association.
- e. All Teams, U7 and higher, have the option to apply for a loan from the Association for up to \$2000 in order to pay for Team costs (tournament registration fees or bussing fees) at the start of the season. All loans MUST be paid back to the Association by February 21st that season. Loans unpaid after this date will result in loss of team's regular practice times until the loan is paid in full.

7. Apparel/Logo

- a. Logo is not to be used by anyone without permission from the Apparel Committee. The apparel committee must consist of the Administrator, Treasurer and Secretary and any additional board member who wishes to join.
- b. Best Practices:
 - a. Apparel or logo embodied items should be sourced through local businesses, if at all possible.
 - b. items should be family friendly, no profanity or derogatory images or words.
- c. The Organization logo can not be altered in any way on apparel (example colour change)
- d. When submitting an apparel/logo request, include the following information:
 - a. What is the item? (pictures if available)
 - b. Where is the logo going to be placed
 - c. Is this a team/coach/individual gift
 - d. Is there any other images or words going to be printed or stitched on the item

8. Time Box

a. Minimum18 years of age is required to be in the time box. One volunteer from the opposing team is required to be in the penalty box during all home games for U-11 and up.

9. Financial

- a. Purchases for SLMHA over \$250.00 need to be pre-approved by the Board before made. Purchases under \$250.00 need Presidential approval.
- b. Reimbursement for members traveling for board business will be as follows:
 - a. Mileage:\$0.52 per kilometer
 - b. Breakfast: \$15.00

c. Lunch: \$25.00d. Supper: \$35.00

e. Hotel: \$250 maximum pre-approved by the President prior to travel

c. Board members must submit a detailed email to both treasurer and president for reimbursement. All reimbursement claims must be approved by the President or Vice-President before the claim will be paid. Hotel receipt needs to be submitted in order for reimbursement.

10. Travel

- a. Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association recommends to all teams that they follow these steps before deciding to travel:
- b. Check the weather at www.theweathernetwork.com. If the weather is colder than -40 degrees Celsius, we recommend you do not travel.
 - a. Check road condition reports two hours prior to leaving the current location.
- c. Travel is not recommended by SLMHA in extreme weather conditions. Please, keep our children safe and do not travel when the Police, AMA or any other source of media advises against travel.
- d. SLMHA does not allow any player to drive him/herself to any out of town games, as per Hockey Alberta Insurance rules.
- e. When any team uses a group method of transportation, such as a bus, SLMHA, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada rules will apply to all of those traveling. The consumption of alcohol on the bus is strictly prohibited.
- f. Any Slave Lake Minor Hockey team may rent a chartered bus for their away games. Payment for bussing is the responsibility of the team. The team will determine how bussing will be paid for; either by fundraising or cash calls on a per use basis. The team officials will set all deadlines. Failure to pay bussing fees may result in the player being suspended from practices and games until the balance is paid in full.

11. Digital Media/Cellphones/ Filming

- a. The inappropriate use of any form of camera, cell phone camera, video camera, or personal digital accessory capable of photographs or taking video images is prohibited in any recreational facility change room during an SLMHA sanctioned event.
- b. SLMHA participants who breach the inappropriate use will be addressed through SLMHA disciplinary protocols with the disciplinary committee.

12. Honorariums

- a. Elected Board Members will receive 100% off the registration of one child per year of service providing the incumbent has fulfilled the requirements of the position as outlined in the By-Laws. These Members must adhere to the Code of Conduct and the By-laws of SLMHA to receive this honorarium. Where honorariums do not apply a cash equivalent will be given.
- b. The Referee In Chief is entitled to 10% of monies paid to the referees for all games that he/she schedules/provides referees for throughout the hockey Season.
- c. The Ice Manager is entitled to \$1500 at the end of each hockey season providing the incumbent has fulfilled the requirements of the position as outlined in the By-Laws. This is in conjunction with the paid registration honorarium.

- d. Other honorariums may be decided upon by the Executive to show appreciation for extraordinary contributions made to SLMHA by Members and non-Members.
- e. Volunteers who represent SLMHA on League Boards will receive one child's registration for the following year.
- f. Honorariums are not able to be "gifted" to other Members; must be for the Member's child only and do not carry forward.
- g. Honorarium paying referees from time to time for mentoring new officials on the ice equal to the cost they would receive if they were refereeing the game. Payment is optional if the referee requests.
- h. SLMHA Board Treasurer is entitled to \$1500 at the end of each hockey season providing the incumbent has fulfilled the requirements of the position as outlined in the By-Laws. This is in conjunction with the paid registration honorarium.

Hello Parents.

This information is provided to help you understand the process in place for player evaluations and selection. Many steps are involved and many people volunteer their time to make this process run seamlessly. We hope this information provides some insight into this process and helps with any questions you have about evaluations and player selection.

Evaluation Breakdown by Week

Week One	Divisional Skate One	Divisional Skate Two
Week Two	Divisional Skate Three	Divisional Skate Four
Week Three	Evaluated Skate One	Evaluated Skate Two
Player/Coach Selection Committee will review coach applications and begin coach selection process		
Week Four	Evaluated Skate/coach will make list for coaches skate after this skate	Coach's Skate (only players invited attend)
Coach of the 1st team picks team within 24 hours of Coach's Skate		
Week Five	All remaining players skate (drills or scrimmage, coach decides)/coach will make list for coaches skate after this skate	2nd Team Coach's Skate (only players invited attend)
Coach of the 2nd team picks team within 24 hours of the 2nd team Coach's Skate. Remaining players are placed on the 3rd team		

Players are evaluated on the following:

- Skating Balance/ Agility Speed/ Coordination
- Puck Skills/ Stick Handling/ Passing/ Shooting
- Defensive Skills Individual/ Team
- Work Ethic/ Intensity/ Puck Pursuit
- Hockey Sense Positioning at younger levels

Goalies are evaluated on the following:

- Skating
- Balance/ Agility
- Position/ Angles/ Net Coverage/ Anticipation
- Use of Feet/ Hands/Stick & Rebounds
- Concentration/ Consistency/ Big Save/Steal Game

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- 10. Moved to registration section
- 11. Goalies will be expected to show up at all tryouts regardless of rotation.
- 12. The head coach must notify all players/goalies selected for their team within 24 hours via phone call if possible or via email. This MUST occur within 24 hours of the coach's skate. The head coach must also send their roster to the Division Coordinator within 24 hours to be approved by two members of the player selection committee.
- 13. The Divisional Coordinator must receive the final roster from the head coach within 24 hours of the coach's skate. The Divisional Coordinator MUST notify all players who have not been selected for this roster and advise them of their next skate within 24 hours.
- 14. Player evaluation ranking will not be shared to parties outside of the player selection committee and Head Coach.

*** SLMHA will follow all third party evaluators guidelines in the event of them being hired to perform SLMHA evaluations