**Evaluations Report 2020-2021**

**Summary**

Evaluations were very challenging this year due to COVID.

Arena rules and guidance was new, and not always clear.

UAA was not held. No one presented any issue with this.

50 Person Cohorts were in place at the time, which made it impossible to move players across different evaluation groups. This was especially an issue at U10, where Step Two moved to half ice, and there is a large number of players to evaluate.

COIVD caused some players to withdraw, making it difficult to map player numbers throughout.

Team formation was also difficult as we had to plan around expected competition cohorts, limiting team size.

**Key Initiatives**

We introduced past year coach feedback into evaluations.

* It was extremely successful, and we had 100% of U14 and below teams participate (at least one coach)
* Recommend using it in future years, with some adjustments:
1. It won’t be viable for 2021-2022
2. Ask coaches to submit late in the season (March) rather than after the season is over

While the UAA was not run, if it runs in the future I would recommend investigating the cost of digital timing. There is a significant amount of consternation surrounding UAA results and their validity.

**Result**

At all age groups proper teams were ultimately formed at each competition level. We feel that every player was given fair opportunity and placement within the competition levels.

As an association we declared our teams in the proper divisions within BGL, especially at the lower competition levels, where some associations did not.