



SMHA Evaluation Policy

July 2022

- Every effort will be made:
 - to have a minimum of four to five evaluators present for each skate. One of which will have goaltending knowledge to evaluate goaltenders if necessary.
 - to have evaluators with hockey knowledge and experience. (Evaluators will be selected and approved by the SMHA executive)
 - to try to ensure that there are no conflicting interests with evaluators and players. Whether this be through family relationships, close friends, etc.
 - a member of the SMHA executive will be present at all evaluation skates.
- U11 – All players will be guaranteed three skates as per Hockey Canada. Players will be evaluated as overall players.
- U13, U15 & U18 – All players are only guaranteed one skate. Players will be evaluated as either forward, defence, goaltender. (As specified at time of registration or before commencement of first evaluation skate.)
- Head coach of teams will be selected after the first evaluation skate.
- Head coach will be asked to evaluate players for second and, if necessary, third evaluations.
- Head coach will not be in the same room as evaluators during this time.
- Evaluators will recommend cuts of bottom evaluated players and or removal of top evaluated players after each evaluation skate. (All U11 players will have 3 skates.)

- Evaluators will pick the top half of the team. The second half of the team will be picked from the list of Evaluator recommendations with the input and evaluations of the head coach.
- Evaluator decisions are not open for discussion or revision.
- Parents/Coaches/Players are **NOT** to be contacting evaluators, head coach, directors or board members **AT ALL** regarding evaluations and the process. Evaluators are volunteering their time to help with team selections. SMHA will not tolerate any abuse, harassment or questioning of evaluators/head coach, directors or board members about the evaluation process and decisions. Individuals found to be participating in this activity may be issued a warning in writing and repeated offenses may result in sanctions from SMHA.
- Once teams are set there will be no player movement. If a technical error is discovered or player enrollment fluctuates this will be reviewed and if adjustments are needed recommendations will be made. Example – player wearing the wrong number/color.
- Absolutely **NO** complaints or concerns will be heard until after October 1st. Complaints and Concerns will only be accepted after this date and must be emailed to: evaluations@stettlerminorhockey.com
- SMHA has a zero-tolerance policy for abuse or harassment of volunteer board members, coaches & directors.
- Complaints and concerns emailed to board members / directors will **NOT** be acknowledged.
- Complaints and concerns will be addressed after October 1st by the VP Operations, VP Development and President. However, there will be zero movement on player evaluations and teams.
- Preregistration required and paid in full at least 48 hours before. Preferred that this is done at time of yearly registration. **NO WALK ONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- At least one hour early for all evaluation skates.