



## Evaluations and Tryouts Policy

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### **Objective:**

NCHA has chosen to progress into a developmental based hockey program. The program will be driven by the NCHA and will be monitored and evaluated throughout the year and as the player grows and develops.

### **Applicability:**

This policy applies to all NCHA players.

### **Process:**

As part of this initiative, the NCHA progressed away from traditional try-outs, to a more consistent and transparent evaluation model. The player rankings will be used to determine which players will move on to the AAA and AA try out ice sessions. Players not making AAA or AA teams, who are above the evaluation cut off score, will be placed on an A team as close, as possible to their place of residence. A teams will be a mixture of minor and major players. Players below the evaluation cut off score will be offered a release to tryout elsewhere.

### **Team Selection**

All of the team tryouts in the NCHA will be populated utilizing the evaluation data. Players who do not attend the evaluations will run the risk of not making a team in the NCHA. Players who are not evaluated or chose not to attend will not be given a release. All AAA, AA and A teams will be finalized by the end of May (with potentially only one or two vacancies on some teams). It is imperative that all players wishing to play in the association attend the evaluations.

- Players who are unable to attend the evaluations will still be required to register for the NCHA and pay the Registration fee.
- Players that do not attend the evaluations will be entered as Non-Rated players and may not be selected for a team.
- \$50 dollars of the registration fee will be placed into a development fund and will be used to host player development clinics.



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- If a player is unable to attend the evaluations, the Association will place them on an appropriate team based on previous evaluations and past coach feedback.

### General Overview

- **WEEK 1 – Player Evaluations**
  - Player evaluations will consist of the following:
    - Skills (1 x 1.5 hour ice time)
    - Scrimmage (1 x 1 hour ice time)
      - Players will receive a Skill Score and a Scrimmage Score
      - An Overall Player Score will be determined based on the combined Skill Score (40% weight) and the Scrimmage Score (60% weight)
  - Evaluation results will be used to determine which players will move onto the AAA, AA and A tryout sessions.
  - Players will be notified at the end of week 1 (via phone or email) if they are to attend the coach run AAA tryout sessions.
  - Players not sent a notification will enter into the AA/A team selection process during week 3 and 4.
- **WEEK 2 – AAA Week**
  - Selected AAA coaches and potential AA and A coaches have to attend and help the AAA coaches.
  - All players that are notified are required to attend the AAA ice sessions. They will begin with the top ranked 12 forwards and the top ranked 8 defensemen and the 4 top ranked goalies
  - Coaches have the option to call up three players outside the association determined AAA pool, provided they are in the top 50 percentile of the evaluation scores. These players return to the AA selection pool if not selected by the AAA coach.
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- **WEEK 3 – AA Week**
  - Selected AAA and AA coaches and potential A coaches have to attend and help the AA coaches.
  - The players released from the AAA tryouts, plus the next 9 top rated forwards and the next 6 top rated defensemen will be invited to these try outs.
  - The 2 goalies not selected during the AAA tryouts plus the next 2 top rated goalies, for a total of 4 goalies, will be invited out.
  - Coaches have the option to call up three players provided they are in the top 50% percentile of the evaluation scores. These players return to the A team selection pool, if not selected by the AA coach.
  - AA Coaches select their teams.
  - Any invites not selected for either an AAA or AA team enter the A team selection process.
- **WEEK 4 – A Team Selection Process**
  - Selected A Coaches and the conveners select A Teams during scrimmages, taking into consideration player residence and the balancing of the teams, as much as possible.
  - Players who attended the evaluations that are not placed on an A team will be offered a release.

### **Evaluation Process**

- Players are required to be registered with NCHA via the NCHA website.
- Skills Evaluations will be by Age category (Novice, Atom, Peewee, or Bantam).
- Scrimmage Evaluations will be by Age category and will also be split into Major/Minor when there are minor AAA and AA teams.
- An email will be sent to each parent prior to the evaluations indicating what time slot they are in (e.g. You are in Novice Skill 2 (NSK2) or You are in Novice Scrimmage 2 (NSC2)).



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- Parents will be able to view the evaluation schedule on the NCHA website, which will indicate what days, times and location you are scheduled.
- Player Evaluations will consist of the following:
  - **One Skills Testing Evaluation**
    - Players will progress through a number (5-6 stations) of skill stations.
    - Players will perform the assigned task at each station.
    - An evaluator will score each player based on their performance at each of the stations.
    - The total score of all stations will make up the Skill Score for each player.
    - Skill Score will make up 40% of the Overall Player Score.
    - Goalies will attend a goalie specific Skills Testing Evaluation.
  - **One Scrimmage Evaluations**
    - A group of players will be divided into two teams.
    - A group of independent evaluators will observe the game.
    - Each player will be evaluated and assigned a Scrimmage Score.
    - The total score of all the evaluators will make up the Scrimmage Score for each player.
    - Scrimmage Score will make up 60% of the Overall Player Score.
    - Goalies will be assigned to a Scrimmage and will be evaluated by independent goalie evaluators.