

Player Evaluation Policy

Cape Breton West Minor Hockey



Player evaluations for competitive team rosters will be overseen by the Development Coordinator (DC) to ensure a fair, collaborative, and transparent process.

Evaluations will occur after Preseason Development sessions and will follow the timelines set by the [Hockey Nova Scotia Seasonal Structure](#), subject to ice availability.

On-Ice Evaluations

- Evaluations will be conducted by coaches with no relation to players, when possible.
- Players will be assigned a dressing room with at least two coaches present.

U9 Sessions

- 2 x 75 minute skills sessions
- 1 x 75 minute small area games session
- 1 x 75 minute cross-ice intrasquad game session

U11-U18 Sessions

- 1 x 75 min skills session
- *If there are 30 or more skaters add a second 75 minute skills session*
- 1 x 75 min small-area games session
- 1 x 90 min intrasquad game

U11-U18 Exhibition Games

- Based on the evaluations, the top 20 ranked skaters and the top 3 ranked goalies will be invited to play 2 exhibition games (home & away).
- Max 15 skaters and 3 goalies may dress per game.
- *If more than 15 skaters remain after tier 1 roster selection, the appointed tier 2 head coach may optionally arrange 2 exhibition games (home & away) before collaborating with the DC to select their roster.*

Off-Ice Evaluations

- A minimum of four qualified off-ice evaluators will use the GrayJay Evaluation tool to assess skaters on:
 - skating skills
 - puck skills
 - competitiveness
 - hockey sense
 - discipline
- At least one qualified evaluator will use the GrayJay Evaluation tool to assess goalies on:
 - movement & positioning
 - save selection
 - rebound control
 - hockey sense
 - discipline
- The DC will provide the head coach with the **top 20 skaters and top 3 goalies** ranked in GrayJay.

Head Coach Responsibilities

- Arrange volunteers to:
 - Manage check-in (confirm registration and payment).
 - Assign player pinnies and update the evaluation tool accordingly.
- Host a parent meeting during the first or second evaluation session to:
 - Share the date & time the final roster will be published.
 - Present the draft team budget.
 - Answer parent questions.
- Book home & away exhibition games (U11-U18), if necessary.
- Collaborate with the DC on the final roster selection.
- Provide the association (info@cbwmh.ca) with the final roster for notifications by email.
- Ensure the team roster is updated in GrayJay 24 hours after notifications are sent.

Development Coordinator Responsibilities

- Plan and oversee all evaluation sessions to ensure fairness and consistency.
- Recruit and assign neutral on-ice and off-ice evaluators.
- Review and verify evaluation data before providing rankings to head coaches.
- Support head coaches in roster selection, ensuring compliance with policy.
- Communicate with the Development Committee regarding progress or concerns.