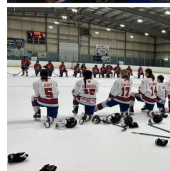
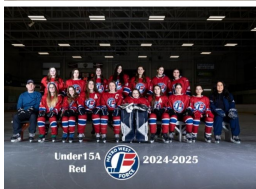
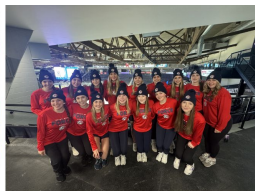




**Evaluation Member Meeting
U11, U13, U15 and U18
A, AA and AAA
2025/2026 Season**

**Monday, August 25, 2025
7pm to 8pm
Virtual**

WELCOME



Board Introduction



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Tonight's Agenda

1. Registration Update (Angela)
2. Expectations for Competitive Hockey (Devin)
3. New Evaluations Guidelines (Angela)
4. Evaluations Overview, Schedule, Sessions and Placements (Devin)
5. Parent and Player Guidelines (Michelle)
6. Other Evaluations Information
7. Communication (Michelle)
8. Other: For Your Information (Angela)
9. Q&A



Registration Update

Angela Lewis



We are excited to welcome approximately 542 players to a new season at Metro West Force!

Breakdown:

- U7: 20
- U9: 72
- U11: 105
- U13: 161
- U15: 110
- U18: 74



New Evaluation Guidelines

Angela Lewis



- New standardized evaluation guidelines across province
- Features of new guidelines:
 - Derived from HC and HNS Policies
 - FHAs must establish an Evaluations Committee (includes FHA President & HNS Regional Director)
 - FHAs must have a minimum of 3 evaluated sessions (includes 1 skills session)
 - Detailed player evaluation criteria provided (includes goaltender-specific criteria)
 - Minimum of 3 evaluators per age division (at least one for goaltenders)
 - Minimum of Balancing Games at AA and AAA levels
 - Coach involvement in finalizing teams
- Next up - how MWF has integrated these new guidelines into our schedule and process!

Expectations for Competitive Hockey

Devin Veinot



- Commitment: Players and parents must be committed to their team and to their growth and development throughout the season.
- Time: Competitive teams may have 1-2 practices per week, plus possibility of dry-land or other development sessions. Additional team sessions are not optional. Games are usually held on weekends.
- Players are expected to attend all practices (regular and additional), games and other team activities (off-ice, speciality training, team-building, etc).
- Travel for games should be expected! All MWF competitive teams are part of a provincial league potentially playing associations from CB to Yarmouth. Expect games on Thanksgiving weekend.
- Additional funds will be required to cover team costs (tournaments, exhibition games, additional ice, etc.).
- Tournaments are to be expected and will usually include travel.



Evaluation Overview

Devin Veinot

Evaluation Committee:

Chair, VP Player Development, President, VP Coaching, HNS Regional Director, Technical Director

Evaluation Team:

Technical Director, VP Player Development, Goalie Coordinator and Evaluators

EVALUATORS:

Qualified non-parent and possibly a mix of coaches (non-conflict level)

FORMAT

Session 1: Skills session (U11 & U13 randomized grouping, U15 & U18 will be placed according to prior levels of play)

Session 2, 3, and 4: Intersquad games (parking of players)

Placements created after session 4

Session 5: Balancing game between sister teams at all levels

Team Rosters

Members of the evaluation committee will meet with head coaches at each level to determine rosters.



Evaluations Schedule

Devin Veinot

	Start	End	Goalie Skills Session	Balancing Games*
U15	Sept 11	Sept 15	Sept 10	Sept 19
U13	Sept 18	Sept 23	Sept 16	Sept 26
U18	Sept 20	Sept 24	Sept 19	Sept 27
U11	Sept 25	Sept 30	Sept 20	Oct 4

- All sessions will be held at GEC.
- Goalies will attend all sessions including Session #1 (Skills Session) plus Goalie Specific Skills Session. Goalies will be evaluated at all sessions.

Sessions

Devin Veinot



U11 & U13

- Skill Session: This will consist of individual skill drills highlighting skating, passing, puck handling, and shooting skills, as well as small area games, and tactical drills to assess skill level

U15 & U18

- Skill Session: This will consist of individual skill drills, small area games and tactical drills to assess skill level.

Intersquad Games

- Permitting evaluators to observe in game scenarios; hockey sense, compete, hockey skills and ability to perform in pressure situations.

Scoring

- Players will be evaluated on a scale from 1-5 based on their performance and skills displayed during all sessions. The score is based on how well players can execute these skills within a game situation or a skills session.



Placements

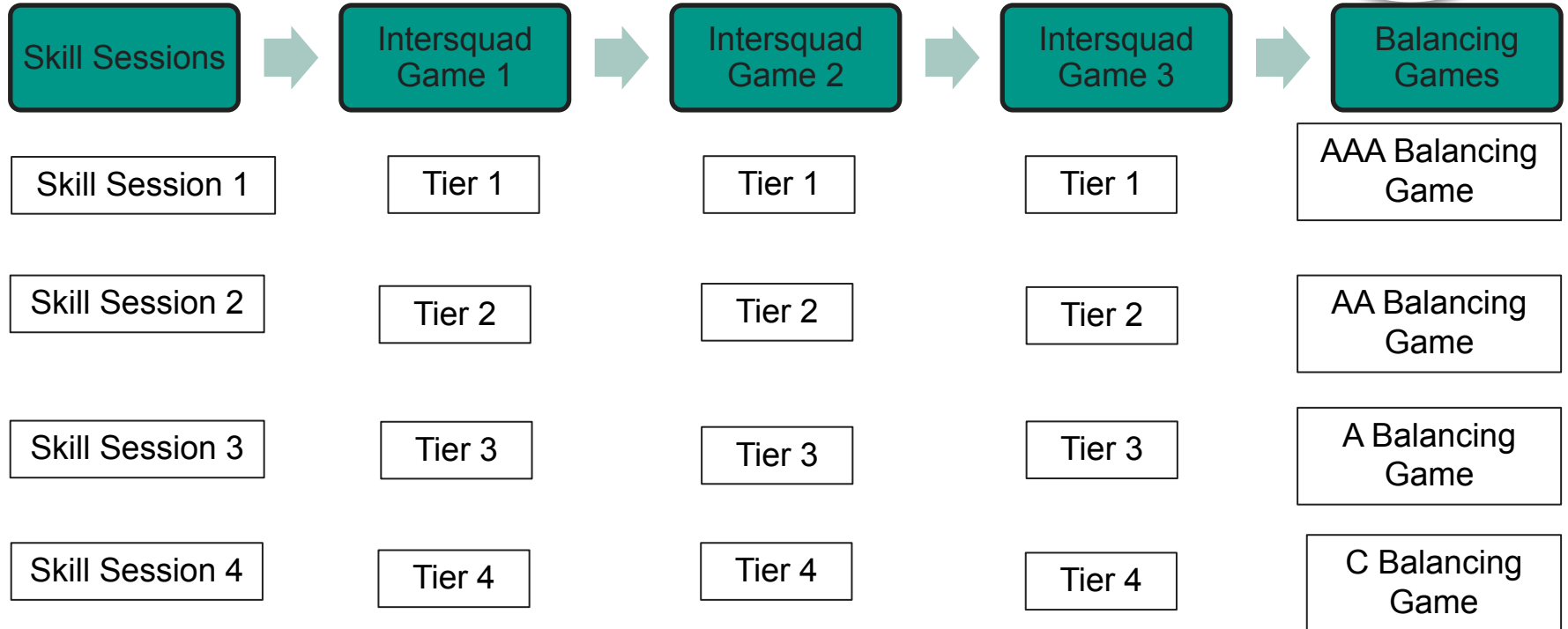
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C	These players have a solid understanding of the basics, such as skating, passing, and shooting, and are working to refine their skills and improve their overall gameplay. *Goaltenders at this level are developing foundational skills such as basic skating techniques, positioning awareness, and fundamental save movements.
A	These players are developing their skills and gaining experiences in areas such as skating, puck handling, shooting and teamwork. This level provides a structured environment for players to improve and prepare for higher levels of competition if desired. *Goaltenders at this level are advancing their positional movements, refining rebound control, and enhancing their ability to track and react to the play.
AA	These players demonstrate strong skills and abilities in areas such as skating, puck handling, shooting and game sense. It is still a significant level of play and provides opportunities for players to develop and advance their skills. *Goaltenders at this level show proficiency in advanced save techniques, lateral movement, post integration, and efficient transitions to support their team's defensive and offensive play
AAA	These players are often among the most skilled and talented in their age group, showcasing advanced proficiency in skating, stickhandling, shooting, passing, and overall game sense. *Goaltenders at this level exhibit elite skills in all areas, including rapid lateral mobility, precise rebound control, seamless transitions, and high-level positioning strategies to maximize their effectiveness in high-pressure situations.



Evaluations Process Flow

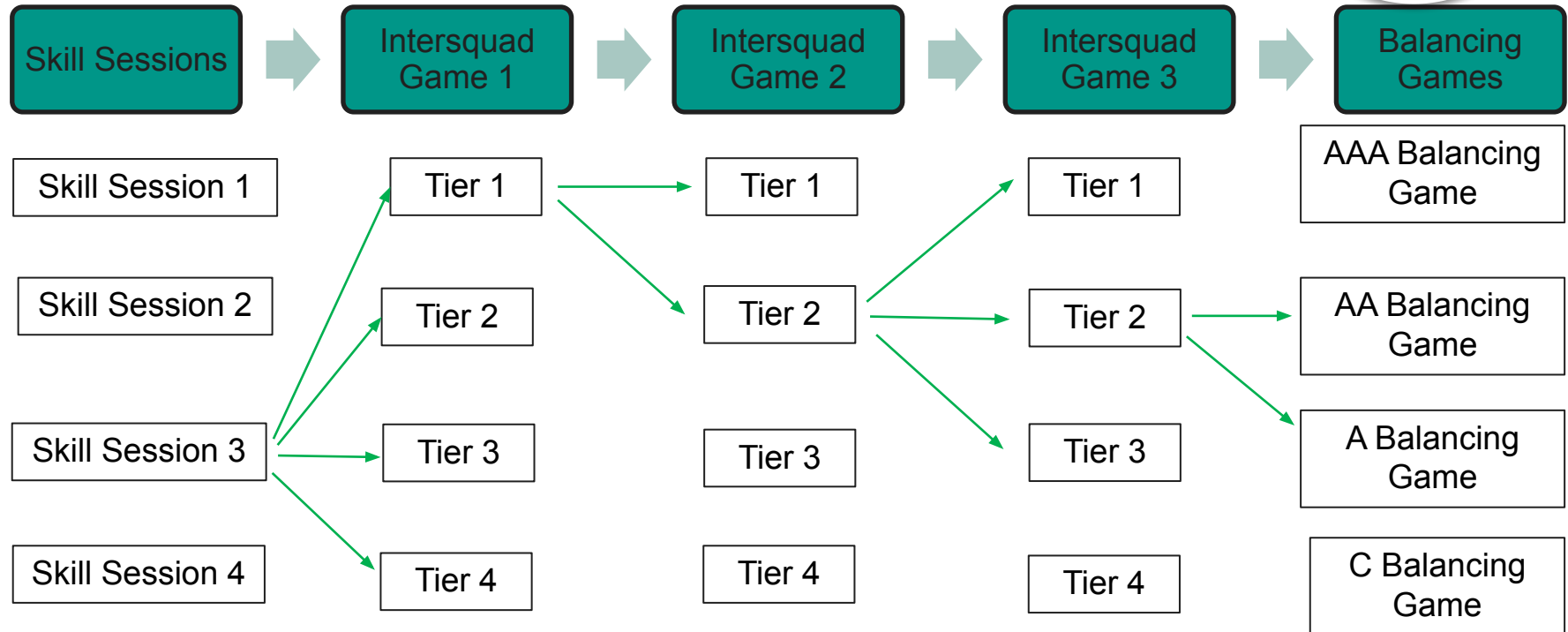
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Evaluations Process Flow (example)

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Other

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- ❑ **HELP WANTED:** Dressing Room Monitors; MWF will release a Dressing Room Monitor sign-up prior to sessions.
- ❑ **Injury Protocol/Missed Sessions:** Players missing the entire process may be linked to players of similar ability/skill. If process is partially completed the player maybe linked or their score may be reflected of sessions complete and prorated scores used for missed sessions.
 - Parents must notify the Evaluations Team at evaluations@metrowestforce.com for any pre-existing injuries or expected absences. All such instances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - If a player misses a scheduled session without prior approval from the MWF VP Player Development, they will be given a score of '0' for that session, which, in turn, will be used in the final scoring.
- ❑ **Appeals:** Should a family wish to appeal the level their child has been assigned, they may do so by request through the president@metrowestforce.com. Appeals must be related to process and not based on scores or player-to-player comparisons.



Parent and Player Guidelines

Michelle Lucas

- Players must register at the first session of their evaluations and pick up a numbered jersey from our volunteers.
- Players must check in at the beginning of every evaluation session.
- Jerseys are not to be traded; evaluators are assessing players based on their jersey number. *Please do not tuck jerseys in and if possible, try to keep hair from covering your jersey number.*
- Players are not to wear private hockey program or team identifying gear (ie. helmets, stickers, pant shells, socks, etc). Players will be asked to leave the ice if wearing any such gear.
- There will be no rink access to parents/family/friends during evaluations (this includes the ice surface level and the seating above the ice surface). You may watch from the 2nd level, in the designated seating area outside of the rink.
- Players from other sessions are not permitted to "hang out" in the hallway by the evaluation area.
- Only volunteers and the Evaluation Team will be permitted at rink level and by dressing rooms.
- Players are not permitted to enter the evaluation area more than one (1) hour prior to the start of their session. Gear is not to be stored in hallway.
- Players and parents are expected to show respect for all other players and parents, evaluators, MWF Board Members and other volunteers. MWF will not tolerate bullying or disrespectful behaviour of any kind towards others.

Communication During Evaluations

Michelle Lucas



1. An email will be released prior to Evaluations notifying Members of groups for Session #1 (Skills Session).
2. Groups and schedules will be posted to the MWF website under the Evaluations tab and by age group.
3. All updated groupings following Session #1 will be posted to the MWF website; it will be up to parents and players to monitor the website for updates.
4. Final placements will be released via email to Members and then shared on the MWF website.
5. Updates to groupings and placements will be posted/released:
 - a. Weekends:
 - i. Between 7am and 10pm
 - b. Weekdays:
 - i. Between 4pm and 10pm (we will avoid school hours between 7am and 4pm)
 - ii. At 6:30am if necessary due to scheduling/time constraints (ie: there's a late session and players need to be on the ice the next afternoon after school)

Other: For Your Information

Angela Lewis



- Volunteer Recruitment: Ice Scheduler, Assistant Registrar, League Coordinators
- Gear Swap: Saturday, September 6 (stay tuned for more details)
- Pre-season sessions for U9 and U11C/U13C - registration coming soon
- New Safe Sport Policies being introduced (email released August 24)
- Junior Coaching (September 28th - SMU) and Female Referee Clinic (September 27th - SMU)
- Seasonal Structure will be released soon (includes Provincials and DoC)
- Member Info Session (in September): Stay tuned

QUESTIONS?

