

TITLE	GOALTENDERS EVALUATIONS
POLICY #	Operational 8.3
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1.0 OVERVIEW

Banff Minor Hockey Association (BMHA or the Association) recognizes that the evaluation process is important to players, goaltenders, parents/guardians, evaluators and the Association. All efforts are directed to ensuring that the evaluation process allows a goaltender to demonstrate their goaltending ability and skills through a fair unbiased process.

This policy covers the evaluations process for goaltenders being evaluated within the U11 to U18 divisions at the CAHL and RHL levels.

The intent of the BMHA Goaltender Evaluation Policy is to accurately place goaltenders on appropriate teams based on the goaltender's skill and ability through a fair, unbiased, professional and fun evaluation process.

2.0 POLICY

2.1 All registration fees must be paid in full, or arrangement made to pay by payments prior to the player attending evaluations.

2.2 During evaluations goaltenders will be assigned a numbered jersey or pinnie and all BMHA evaluations shall be completed utilizing that players number to identify them. Every effort should be made to ensure a player remains anonymous to evaluators during evaluations.

2.3 Individuals that are wanting to be evaluated as a goaltender are required to supply their own goaltender equipment which meets the appropriate standards for safety, fit and condition. Goaltenders observed with improper or inadequate equipment will not

be able to participate in the evaluation process until their equipment is deemed appropriate.

2.4 All goaltenders must participate in all levels of evaluations according to the schedules that will be emailed out prior to and during the evaluation process. The goaltender evaluation process is based on assessing goaltender skills, abilities and knowledge as they apply to the game of hockey.

These steps could include:

2.4.1 Goaltender evaluation skill skates (maximum of 2 per goaltender)

2.4.2 Scrimmage Games (maximum of 2 per goaltender)

2.4 For all Evaluation Skill Skates and Scrimmage Games, BMHA commits to have a few volunteer evaluators made up of parents and potential coaches from various divisions as well as community members, non-BMHA members, to observe the skates and to rank the players

2.4.1 Evaluators should have experience with player evaluation.

2.4.2 Suitable background in hockey either as a player or coach.

2.4.3 Evaluators must not have a player in the age group being evaluated.

2.4.4 If possible, the ability to evaluate for the full-time frame to help with consistency and continuity.

2.4.5 Community Members, non-BMHA members, are subject to approval by the Coaching Coordinator

2.5 All data from Evaluation Skills Skates and Scrimmage Games will be input into the designated Software or Excel to rank the players using the data collected. No player should be contained in any other application besides the designated Software.

2.11 All questions concerning the decision or process of the Evaluation Committee shall be directed to the Coaching Coordinator. Player evaluation and placement is not

subject to the right to appeal. (See Operational Policy – 8.1.2 Evaluation Grievance Policy)

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 Although it is impossible to eliminate all subjectivity, or previous coach/goaltender experiences, the selection process will attempt to only reflect on-ice performance during the evaluation period based on the data provided by the evaluators.

3.2 Evaluations are documented and remain confidential. Individual evaluation scores and rankings are not released, as our purpose is to form teams, not to rank goaltenders on their individual skills. The evaluation sheets and the ranking criteria are only made available to the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will be composed of the Coaching Coordinator, President, Registrar and two more individuals either from the BMHA executive or qualified BMHA coaches.

3.3 Any Evaluator or member of the Evaluation Committee will remove themselves from any discussions or decisions that are required to be made regarding the division (age group) of their own child.

3.4 Any injury, illness or other absence which prevents a player from completing the evaluations will be dealt with by the Evaluation Committee via the Operational Policy – 8.1.1 - Injured Player Policy. The Evaluation Committee shall be entitled to utilize prior season evaluations, prior season level of play and prior coach reviews in deciding of placement. Please note however that all goaltenders are strongly encouraged to make every effort to attend evaluations as relying on previous season information is not as accurate and may result in your child being placed in a lower tier than expected.

3.5 The numbers gathered in the Evaluations process will be the data used to place players on teams, note that injured goaltenders may cause changes in the data and/or placement.

3.6 Attendance during the Evaluations is mandatory. Failure to participate in any scheduled evaluation session will result in the following unless it is due to an injury, an extenuating circumstance (requires Evaluation Committee approval) or serious illness and then you would refer to the Operational Policy 8.1.1 - Injured Player Policy.

3.6.1 If a goaltender misses an Evaluation Skate or Scrimmage Game, they will be automatically placed in the lowest group

3.7 It is the BMHA's intention that every U11 and up team has at least one goaltender listed on their roster. As with players, some 'blue' skilled goaltenders may be required to play on a 'red' skilled team as a result of the goaltender's ranking and the described need.

4.0 EVALUATION PROCEDURES

4.1 All goaltenders will have a minimum of one Evaluation Skills Skate and a minimum of one Scrimmage Game.

4.2 During the Evaluation Skills Skate all goaltenders will perform the same drills, measured in the same manner, throughout the division. Skills tested may include skating, positioning, movement, save selection and game scenario drills. Drills will be division specific and based on the expected proficiency of each age group.

4.2.1 Drills will not be provided to the goaltenders prior to the skill session in which they are being utilized. This is done to ensure goaltenders are not 'training' specific drills leading up to the goaltender evaluation process. However, the drills will not be complex, overly demanding and/or overly confusing. The drills will usually consist of one or two movements followed by a save selection.

4.2.2 Goaltender Evaluations Skill Skates may happen at the same time on the same ice as Player Evaluation Skills Skates

4.3 The Scrimmage Games will consist of:

- 5 on 5
- Short warm up
- 60-minute run time games
- Live puck
- Full ice

4.3.1 Goaltender rotation templates will be utilized to accommodate the number of goaltenders per group and the specific amount of scrimmage time to ensure

that all goaltenders receive equal playing time at both ends of the rink and against all players.

4.3.2 If required, the goaltenders will be rotated into play from the penalty box

4.3.2 At the conclusion of each session of scrimmage skates the goaltender evaluators will, if required, make recommendations concerning the movement of goaltenders from one group to another for the upcoming scrimmage session.

In all instances, the movement of a goaltender from one group to another is not indicative of that goaltender's ranking during the scrimmage skates. The movement of goaltenders is only a mechanism which the evaluators can (or may not) utilize to reach their final rankings at the completion of the entire evaluation process.

4.4 After all of the Scrimmage Games the final movements will be made and then the Evaluations committee will move to Team Creation process considering any Injured Players, etc. *(See Operational Policy 8.4 – Team Creation)*