



PLAYER PLACEMENT PROGRAM Evaluator Guidelines (For Skaters)

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Evaluators:

Thank-you for helping with the Player Placement Program (PPP). The SMHA Board sincerely appreciates the time commitment this takes. The goal of the PPP is to fairly rank each player to ensure each player is placed in a division of players with like skill sets. You are a critical component in placing each player into the appropriate division and team that they earned through the evaluation process.

YOUR COMMITMENT:

It is important that you attend all sessions. This will help ensure the integrity, consistency, and continuity of data. Your consistent attendance also shows parents and players that you are committed to the process. Your scores will be kept confidential, and your identity will be anonymous. Subsequently you are expected to keep your scores independent and in confidence.

SCORING SYSTEM:

Evaluators will use the following scoring system to rank players in an ice session:

NOTE: Players are ranked relative to other players on the same ice time (Players are not compared to Players in other groups). Generally, the kids in a particular ice time will fall into a bell curve as shown below.

1. Strongest Player on the ice (Approximately: Top 10%)
2. Above Average (Approximately: 25%)
3. Average compared to the group (Approximately: 30%)
4. Below Average (Approximately: 25%)
5. Weakest on the ice (Approximately: Bottom 10%)

Please keep in mind that you are evaluating skills and not mistakes. The strongest player on the ice is going to trip over a cone, lose the puck in a drill or miss a shot. A mistake made is not necessarily due to a lack of skill. Be sure to watch each player long enough to be clear in your mind how their ability to perform the action ranks with their peers on the ice. You will be ranking players on a scale of 1 to 5 relative to other players on the same ice session. At the end of each round the player groups will be adjusted based on rankings. As we progress the players on each ice time should be more and more similar in skill set as players find the right fit for their skill set.

After an evaluation round is completed, the players are resorted according to the score(s) they have earned (players may move up, or down or stay in the same group). Each new evaluation round will start fresh and each player will be ranked relative to the players on the same ice time once again.

NOTE: You will not register any scores for your own child. The score for your child is based on the average of the other evaluator's scores.

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Look at the little things - Press yourself to find differentiation among the players and ensure your weighting reflects the Evaluation Guidelines shared for that specific age group.

EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

Evaluations of players should mirror the Canadian Hockey Association guidelines as listed below:

	Technical Skills	Individual tactics	Team Tactics	Team Play	Strategy
U7	85%	15%	-	-	-
U9	75%	15%	10%	-	-
U11	50%	20%	15%	10%	5%
U13	45%	20%	15%	10%	10%
U15	40%	15%	20%	15%	10%
U18	35%	20%	20%	15%	10%

Note the following to help find a score:

Technical Skills:

- Skating: Speed, power, agility, balance, edges.
- Puck Control / Shooting / Passing / Checking are other technical skills to score

Individual Tactics:

- Ability to employ strategies to improve puck protection, puck possession, create scoring chances, win puck battles, and create turn overs

Team Tactics / Team Play:

- Positional play including offensive and defensive responsibilities
- On ice offensive awareness: create and/or support scoring chances, prolong puck possession (puck support) and extend time on offence
- On Ice defensive awareness: mitigate scoring chances against, create and/or support puck turnovers and successful transitions to offense

All these items should help you to find ways to properly rank each player. The bell curve estimate is a guideline and not a rule. Typically, the scores for each ice time fit closely with the percentages listed.

The reality of the entire placement process is that players end up grouped with similar players. Their performance in the PPP sessions determines where they will be ranked. Your score is a significant piece of the overall puzzle.

Thanks again for helping with the Player Placement Process as an evaluator!