



Evaluations/Tryouts Policy

This document is meant to outline and explain the evaluation and team placement process. It is our intent that skaters get at least two practice sessions prior to any evaluations/tryouts. Teams will be formed after the evaluation of each player at a given age level using a ranking scale and using USA Hockey team size recommendations when possible.

Prior to evaluations the girls directors along with coaching staff will develop the tryout format used to evaluate each age level and score each player. The girls directors will arrange for outside evaluators, current/past coaches, or a combination to judge and score players at tryouts. Every effort will be made to arrange non-parent evaluators. If non-parent evaluators are not available, parent evaluators may be used but will not evaluate the age level their daughter is being evaluated at.

Players will be ranked based on skills such as skating, passing, shooting and puck handling. Players will also be ranked on hockey sense, hustle/compete, and teamwork. Both drills and scrimmage time will be utilized during evaluations. Players will be provided a jersey with a number that will be worn during the entirety of evaluations. Evaluations are open to spectators, however, spectators are to refrain from talking to evaluators before, during, or after evaluations. Spectators may not communicate with players on the ice during the evaluation.

Following the evaluation the girls directors will meet and determine the rosters based on the scoring from the evaluators. Should there be a tie, coaches will be brought into the discussion to evaluate skills such as coachability and attitude to determine final placement. Evaluation scores will not be shared with parents or players for any reason. Teams will be posted once coaches are voted on and confirmed.

All players who choose to be evaluated need to attend at least one of the evaluation dates, it is encouraged that players attend both if possible. If a player does not wish to be evaluated and/or would like to play on the lower level team a written request can be sent to a girls director. Players who do not attend evaluations for any reason need to notify one of the girls directors in writing as soon as possible. In the event that an absence cannot be avoided or a player registers after evaluations, they will be placed on the lower level team or if possible a player's past performance and coaches recommendation will be taken into consideration. Every effort will be made to place skaters on the most appropriate team.