



## Orillia Minor Hockey Association Policy

### Orillia Minor Hockey Evaluation Policy U9 to U18

#### **Registration**

- Registration will be posted on the Orillia MHA's website.
- All players must complete the registration process before attending on-ice evaluations.
- The Board will levy a Player evaluation fee for all Rep teams, which will be retained by the Association
- Payment will be collected at the time of registration. Payments will not be pro-rated, and no refunds will be given.
- Players must register for the age group that corresponds to their date of birth.
  - Under-aged players will not be allowed except for U8 players being allowed to play U9MD.
  - U8 players must rank in the top five to be eligible to play U9.

#### **Player Evaluation Structure**

- Rep Team evaluations for "A" teams will be held in accordance with the OMHA's seasonal calendar.
- Rep Team evaluations for "B" Teams will follow.
- U18 "A" and "B" evaluations may, at the discretion of the Board, be held in September to allow for Junior hockey commitments to be made before team selections.
- U9 MD evaluations will be held in accordance with the OMHA's seasonal calendar.
- Preparation skates will be scheduled before evaluations as required by the OMHA.
- For A level, there will be at least 3 evaluation skates. No players will be released until after the second scheduled skate.
- For B level, there will be at least 2 evaluation skates. No players will be released until after the final skate.
- Each evaluation skate should be at least 50 minutes based on ice availability



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- If there are more than 30 skaters registered, the evaluations will be broken into two skates.
  - This will be determined 48 hours before the skate time, and notice will be sent out to the email provided.
  - Late registrations may push the number of skaters over 30, but a hard cap of 34 will be in place.

#### **Attendance**

- To be eligible for selection, a player **must** attend at least one of the evaluations.
  - In exceptional circumstances (injury, family emergency, etc), this requirement may be waived. To be considered for this exemption, a written request must be submitted to the Director of Rep prior to the evaluations provide supporting documentation upon request. These requests will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
- Players are strongly encouraged to attend all evaluation skates. Missing any session may impact the ability to properly evaluate the player, which could impact their eligibility for selection.
- Players who will miss any evaluations must notify the association in advance.

#### **Roster Information (as per Rep Policy)**

- All Rep teams must roster at least 15 skaters and 2 goalies.
- Rep Teams from U14 to U18 may, at the coach's discretion, roster one additional skater.
- All "A" teams will be allowed up to 3 or 4 out of draw area (OA) players as per the Team Composition section of the Rep Policy. "B" and "MD" teams will not be allowed any out of area players.
  - OA will be determined by residence, and whether it falls within the attached map. [Map Link](#)



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#### One-Ice Structure

- All evaluation skates will be run by approved on ice personnel.
- The team's coach should have input over what drills and how much scrimmage time will take place.

#### Evaluation Process

- The association will provide 3 independent evaluators for each evaluation skate. The association will also appoint a Player Evaluation facilitator - who will ideally be a member of the Board - to oversee all sessions.
- The association will provide evaluation forms for each evaluation. The criteria for these evaluations will be provided to the coaches and evaluators prior to the first skate.
- Evaluation sheets will have jersey numbers and colours, but no names.
- After each evaluation, the coach and 3 evaluators will turn over their evaluation forms to the Player Evaluation facilitator. These forms will be stored, and the evaluators and coaches may not access them.
- After each evaluation, the facilitator will combine the 4 evaluation forms to give each player a total score.
- Once the team is selected, all evaluation forms will be turned over to the Director of Rep for storage.

#### Selection/Release Process

- After the first "A" or "MD" evaluation, the coach may sign up to five players. These players must have scores that support those signings, and all signings must be approved by the Player Evaluation facilitator.
- After the second "A" or "MD" evaluation, the coach may sign up to a total of twelve players. These players must have scores that support those signings, and all signings must be approved by the Player Evaluation facilitator.



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- The facilitator will total the scores from the first two evaluations. In consultation with the coach, the facilitator will decide which players will be invited back for the final evaluation.
  - The players who are invited back for the final evaluation will be listed on the association's website. HRC#s will be used for these postings.
- After the third "A" or "MD" evaluation, the facilitator will total the scores from all three evaluations. In consultation with the evaluators and the coach, the facilitator will decide which players will be signed to complete the roster.
  - The coach should have input over these final signings. All picks should be supported by their scores, but other factors should be considered for these selections (position, handedness, intangibles, etc)
- After the first "B" evaluation, the coach may sign up to five players. These players must have scores that support those signings, and all signings must be approved by the Player Evaluation facilitator.
- After the second "B" evaluation, the facilitator will total the scores from all three evaluations. In consultation with the evaluators and the coach, the facilitator will decide which players will be signed to complete the roster.
  - The coach should have input over these final signings. All picks should be supported by their scores, but other factors should be considered for these selections (position, handedness, intangibles, etc)
- After each evaluation, the coaches and evaluators will meet with the facilitator to determine the above decisions. This meeting should not take more than twenty minutes.
- The association will send out an email to all players with instructions regarding signing or the next evaluation or redirection depending the evaluation. Those players who will be signed will receive a registration link that will expire within 24 hours.



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