



ZONE G HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2005 – 2006 Hockey Season

Zone G Redwing Evaluation Process

The purpose of this document is to provide you with a brief overview of the processes used by the Zone G Redwings Hockey Association to evaluate and place players at the Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels. **The primary goal of the Association is to maintain an equitable and thorough process for assessing player abilities and skills and placing each player on a team with equal parity to promote individual development and team success**

The Coordinator's role is to:

- 1) ensure that the process is executed in a thorough, objective manner whereby every player is treated fairly and given an equal opportunity to play at the highest level;
- 2) select and support evaluation coordinators and teams,;
- 3) address problems and/or issues as they arise, and
- 4) annually review the process to improve quality, efficiency, and outcome.

It is important to understand that the coordinators do not select teams or place individual players.

Evaluators

All attempts to attract knowledgeable hockey people have been made. Age group coordinators are responsible for the recruitment of the evaluators. Please do not approach evaluators with questions about rankings or marks. Evaluation information is to be kept confidential. Should you have any questions, please contact your level coordinator.

Tryouts

Tryouts occur after registration for the new season and upon completion of the past years coaches evaluation. Coordinators may develop tryout formats for their particular level, subject to review and approval of the Zone Commissioners. The tryouts provide evaluators with an opportunity to observe players in several structured sessions focusing on skills and scrimmaging. The bottom line is: we place players on the best team that matches their skill level and ability at the time in the fairest way possible, using many 'checks and balances'.

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria used at each level:

Initiation

- **Beginners**, Mainly 1st year 5 year olds and some 1st year 6 year olds. (Depending on skill level). Coordinator will evenly distribute players of ranging skill level.
- **Advanced**, Mainly 2nd year 6 year olds and some 1st year 6 year olds. Coordinator will evenly distribute players of ranging skill level.

Novice

- Power Skating (2 Sessions/player)
- Skills & Agility Drills
- 3on3. (Half Ice)
- Full Ice Scrimmage

Atom

- Checking Camp
- Power Skating
- Skills & Agility Drills
- 3on3
- 4on4
- Full Ice Scrimmage
- Goaltender Session

PeeWee

- Timed Drills (2 Sessions/player)
- Full Ice Scrimmages (3 Scrimmages/player)
- Goaltender Sessions (2 Sessions/goalie)

Bantam

- 4on4 (2 Sessions/player)
- Game Situation Drills
- Full Ice Scrimmage
- Exhibition Games
- Goaltender Sessions (2 Sessions/goalie)

Midget

- Skills and Agility Drill Sessions in combination with Intersquad Scrimmages and Exhibition Games.

Recreation and Non Contact Hockey

- The intentions of the Recreation & Non Contact Hockey Programs are to provide a competitive, fun, non contact hockey league.

Clarification of individual tryout sessions can be obtained from Level Coordinators.

Goalies: Players are required to declare a position of goalie at the Atom level and higher. Goalies shall be evaluated or scored in a manner similar to other positions, except that there will be a different set of criteria and drills in both scrimmage and skills competition. Goalies shall be evaluated or ranked among each other in a given age group.

Missed Tryouts: In the event that a player misses a complete Tryout, the player will be placed at a level equal to their teammates from the previous year according to previous year's Coaches "player" Evaluations. If a portion of the Tryout is missed, it will be the discretion of the Coordinator on how best to facilitate a fair placement for the player.

Special Family Amendments:

Any parent that has multiple sons or daughters in a given/same age group and are selected for different teams within that same age group may combine family members together. These players will be allowed to play only on the lowest level team that one of the players/family members were placed after evaluations.

Coaches Selections:

Coaches will be chosen after the evaluation process has been completed. After review of prospective coaches the Age Group Coordinators will recommend the coaches to the Zone Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners. Review of the applicant Coaches previous years evaluation and assurance of the appropriate coaching accreditation will be reviewed during this process.

Team Selections:

The Number of players on a team is based on the number of registrants in that division and the number of teams being formed as regulated by the SMHA "Grid" system. Teams at a higher level may have fewer players than teams at a lower level within the same division. This is to facilitate affiliations. Players will be placed on teams based on their final evaluation rankings. A draft process will be used to assure teams of equal strength within the same level.

The intention of this document is to help provide information in regards to the Evaluation process used by the Zone G Redwings. Any question or comments are welcome and will be gladly accepted.

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