



Glenlake Minor Hockey Club – Evaluation Frequently Asked Questions

This Evaluation FAQ was created to address common inquiries raised during the Glenlake evaluation sessions. All answers are based on the **Glenlake Minor Hockey Club Evaluation Process and Policy** to ensure consistency, fairness, and transparency. The goal is to provide families with clear guidance on how evaluations are conducted and what to expect throughout the process.

This FAQ is split into the following categories:

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A. Player Placement & Requests

Q: How are sibling requests handled?

A: Sibling requests are considered if players are within one tier of each other. In these cases, the higher-tier sibling will be moved down to the lower tier so both can play on the same team.

Q: Can families request friends be placed together?

A: Friend requests are not part of the evaluation process. Teams are formed based on the evaluation of skill, balance, fairness, and competitiveness of the teams, as outlined in Glenlake's Evaluation Procedures.

Q: Are female players placed together if they tier similarly?

A: Following the evaluation and where skill levels align, the Evaluation Committee may consider placing female players together, but team formation remains based primarily on balanced and competitive grouping.

B. Injuries & Attendance

Q: What happens if a player is injured and misses sessions?

A: Injured players may receive a Provisional Placement. The Evaluation Committee will review medical notes and other information to determine placement. Players may later be moved up or down after practices/games if the placement proves inaccurate.

Refer to: [Glenlake-Evaluation-Process- Pg 7](#)

Q: What if a player misses an evaluation session?

A: Missing sessions can impact placement since evaluators may not have full data. Players who miss sessions will remain in the last evaluated group unless otherwise determined by the Evaluation Committee.

Q: Who should we notify if we can't make a scheduled time?

A: Please inform your Age Group Coordinator as early as possible. They are the first point of contact for scheduling issues.

C. Evaluation Process & Criteria

Q: How much notice is given for each evaluation skate?

A: Notices and group assignments are sent in as soon as available via email from Age Group Coordinator emails. Families should check emails for updates. Please check your spam.

Q: Are all sessions weighted the same? How are ties broken?

A: Early sessions (macro-sorts) are used to seed players into groups. The final two sessions (micro-sorts) carry the most weight, as they are used for ranking and team formation. In case of ties, the Evaluation Committee uses multiple criteria and evaluator input to finalize placement.

Q: What are the “big skates”?

A: These are evaluation sessions with larger numbers of players to allow evaluators to view players in comparable groups. They contribute to macro-sort placement but are not the sole determinant of team assignments.

Q: Is there documentation explaining how rankings are determined?

A: Yes. Glenlake's published Evaluation Procedures detail the evaluation forms, criteria (skating, puck handling, passing, shooting, hockey sense, etc.), and scoring process.

Refer to: [Glenlake-Evaluation-Process](#)

Q: Do new or transferring players have a different process?

A: New players to our community follow the same evaluation process. The Evaluation Committee uses available information to seed them appropriately in early sessions and will attempt to contact previous associations/coaches to obtain information.

Q: At U13 and above, do players need to declare a position?

A: Yes. Evaluations are position-specific beginning at U13. Forwards and defense are assessed separately against positional criteria.

Q: Can you be a U9 full-time goalie?

A: No. At the U9 level, players are not assigned as full-time goalies. Evaluations are conducted as skaters only, as strong skating skills are a key part of early player development.

Q: Is there a different evaluation process for U13AA?

A: Yes, in part. As mentioned at registration, only players who declare interest in U13AA at their registration will be considered for this team. All potential U13AA players will participate the existing evaluation process. Prior to final team formation and based on evaluation scores, the U13AA prospects will part in an exhibition game against a different association to finalize the roster.

Additional information will be provided to those families whose players are in consideration for this level closer to the end of the U13 evaluation program.

Q: How are evaluators assigned?

A: Evaluators are recruited and scheduled by the Evaluation Committee and Volunteer Coordinator. Evaluators cannot evaluate groups their own children play in and must follow standardized scoring sheets. Additionally, Glenlake provides information and expectations with respect to evaluations and scoring.

Goalie evaluations are handled separately by third party evaluators. These scores are independent and submitted to the Evaluation Committee after each skate for the purposes of ranking and placement.

D. Scheduling

Q: When do families find out first-session groupings?

A: Group assignments are communicated through email ahead of the first ice session.

Q: Are there additional pre-skates?

A: Pre-skates are scheduled in advance. Once those sessions are complete, the evaluation sessions begin.

Q: When will teams be finalized?

A: Teams are confirmed after the final micro-sort sessions. Dates vary by age group and are communicated through Teamlinkt.

Q: Is there a pre-skate for U7?

A: U7 evaluations consist of one 30-minute skate to balance teams, per the Hockey Calgary Timbits Manual.

E. Volunteering & Coaching

Q: Can parents still apply to coach?

A: Yes, coaching opportunities remain open. Interested parents can indicate at registration or reach out to Age Group coordinators.

Q: When will evaluator sign-up open?

A: Calls for evaluator volunteers are emailed and sign up occurs in Sign Up Genius. Evaluators must sign up in advance and are assigned to groups where they have no conflicts of interest.

Q: How much volunteering is required?

A: Families must fulfill their volunteer hours. Evaluating can count toward these hours, but sign-up is managed by the Evaluation Committee.

Q: How many sessions should a coach or evaluator attend?

A: A minimum is not set, but we always need more so please attend as many sessions as possible.

F. Other

Q: Where do we submit the RIS (Respect in Sport) certificate?

A: Upon completion of the course (including the survey), the certificate number is uploaded to the player and/or coach Spordle profile with the date in which the course was completed and includes the expiration date.

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions that are not covered in this FAQ?

A: Please direct all inquiries to your Age Group Coordinator. This is to manage the volume of communication being handled by the Evaluation Committee. All inquiries must be done via email to ensure transparency and fairness in the communication process.

Thank you for reviewing these FAQs and we wish your player success this season!