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Mission Statement

The evaluation process, as with all RMHA activities, is guided by the following mission statement of RMHA:

RMHA is committed to providing players with an opportunity to grow as individuals and gain self-esteem through a positive hockey experience that emphasizes fun, participation, development, safety, and respect. RMHA will strive to accomplish these goals in a consistent, transparent, and collaborative environment that encourages the participation of players, coaches, and parents.

Evaluation Committee

The Director of Player Development (Aaron Sjodin) is the RMHA evaluation director and a member of the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee also includes the President (Joel Bruce) and Vice President (Robbi Spady) from the Executive of the Renegades Minor Hockey Association. Should a conflict of interest arise in the Evaluation Committee involving their own Players selection the following board members may step in temporarily to help those selections Registrar, Treasurer, Secretary.

The Evaluation Committee has the authority to make decisions during the evaluation process to ensure the evaluation process is carried out fairly. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee during the evaluation process are final.

Initial Placement for Skills Session #1

For the U13 - U18 age groups, players will be placed into evaluation groups in various sizes depending on enrollment numbers

Evaluation Player Movement

The evaluation process is structured to allow players to move groups. **Players may be moved from a group at any time during the evaluation process.** This may happen before, during or after an evaluation session.

Player Placement

The RMHA and Evaluation Committee will have the sole discretion as it relates to Player Placement.

AAA/AA Released Players

RMHA respects the Alberta Hockey AAA/AA evaluation process. With that being said, parents are notified that external evaluation processes do not carry weighting or merit in relation to Renegades Minor Hockey Association evaluation processes and therefore players who are affiliated with a AAA/AA team will still be required to participate in the evaluation process and will be placed according to the RMH evaluation process.



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Absent Player Placement

Injured and absent players will be treated as fairly as possible. The Evaluation Committee will consider several factors, including the level that the player played in the previous season, the coach's input (if available) from the previous season, and what team other similarly ranked players might be on. The player will then be asked to practice with all teams in his/her age group where the evaluation committee will evaluate that player to help determine the best team suitable for the player's skill set. The decision of the Evaluation Committee will be final.

Positions

Goalenders and players may declare their position in U13, U15, and U18. They will be evaluated within the criteria for that position.

Players shall declare their position as a forward or defensemen prior to the evaluation process.

Transparency and Impartiality

The evaluation process will be fair to all players and as transparent and impartial as reasonably possible.

Under absolutely no circumstance will a parent evaluate their child nor in an age category in which they have a child.

The RMHA evaluation guidelines will be posted on the RMHA website to help parents and players understand the evaluation process. The Director of Player Development will be available to any parent that has a question about the evaluation process.

To maintain impartiality, prior to the commencement of the evaluation process, each player will be identified by a number. The evaluation numbers will be randomly selected as players arrive to the first evaluation session. Each player will be evaluated according to their number and evaluation results will be posted at the end of Session #4.

Players will not be permitted to tuck their jerseys into their pants for evaluations.

Volunteer Requirements

The RMH evaluation system requires a tremendous amount of volunteer assistance for it to be successful. As such, RMHA has adopted various measures to ensure there are sufficient volunteers to evaluate players and assist with running evaluations. A digital sign up sheet will be online Prior to the first evaluation session and hours served will be counted to a family's yearly total.



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Suspensions

Any player who receives a major penalty resulting in a game ejection during an evaluated ice session will be given a "0" score for that session subject to review by the Discipline and Evaluation Committee. The RMHA Director of Player Development, President, and Vice President, as well as the officials, have the right to eject players based on their on-ice actions.

Evaluators

Before the commencement of the evaluation process, a meeting will be organized by the Evaluation Committee with the evaluators to outline the RMHA evaluation policy and procedures and objectives of the evaluation process. Evaluation templates/Drills will be posted on the website prior to the first Evaluation session.

Evaluators will **not be** advised of the names of any players and will only be provided with the evaluation numbers of players. Each evaluator will be provided with an electronic evaluation sheet which he or she will be required to complete and submit immediately following the evaluation session. Each evaluator will provide their evaluation of players according to their evaluation number. The electronic evaluation sheets will be maintained by the Director of Hockey Development and remain confidential to anyone outside the Evaluation Committee.

Paid evaluators from NLH Development Inc. will be used for the 2025-26 season. These evaluators have no ties, allegiances, or conflicts with Renegades Minor Hockey Association and will be a completely independent evaluating body. They will provide input and guidance for the evaluation criteria and detailed feedback to the evaluation committee on Player Rankings.

Team Balancing Process

U13-U15

Following Session #1 Skills, The Evaluation Committee will sit as a group and review the scores from Session #1. From these scores, an attempt will be made to make even skill teams for Scrimmage Sessions. These will be posted 24hrs before Session #2 scrimmage begins. This will repeat for Each round of scrimmages

U18

Prior to the first scrimmage The Evaluation Committee will divide players in an attempt to make even skilled teams. These teams will be posted 24hrs before scrimmage begins. After the each scrimmage the Evaluation Committee will review the groups and move players if necessary. If teams change they will be posted on the website and an email will be sent to notify players.



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U13,U15,U18-Evaluation Process

Each player will have the opportunity to take part in two preparation skate sessions prior to taking part in the four evaluation sessions. These preparation skate sessions are optional, and players will be grouped randomly. The focus of these ice times will be on learning the drills for evaluations and skill development for gameplay. No evaluations will be taken during these sessions.

U13-U15 Evaluation Session #1 Skills

- Players will participate and be evaluated on 1 skill session.
- Please see the website for skill evaluation drills.

U13 – U15 Session #2, #3 and #4 Scrimmages

- Players will complete 3 scrimmages (games) in total
- Scrimmages will be played 5v5
- The game will be played at full ice
- Each game will have 3 periods of 20 minutes no stop unless otherwise changed by the Evaluation Committee
- Penalties will be called, in lieu of powerplays the player on who the infraction occurs will be rewarded a penalty shot. Substitutes are not permitted for penalty shots. All Players may chase the shooter from the blue line when the whistle is blown
- Offsides will be called verbally or by whistle by the on-ice official/coach. Face off will commence. Offside Whistle will be limited to egregious offsides.
- When a goalie freezes the puck the on-ice official/coach will blow the whistle and a face-off in the zone will occur
- Icings will be called and a face-off will occur.
- Each game will have at least 1 on-ice officials/coaches
- There will be no coaching on the bench or Ice
- Shifts will be on the Buzzer set for 1:30 minutes (U13 Game 1 only)
- Face-offs after a stoppage in play (Goals) and at the beginning of periods at center ice
- Full Contact for U15 and U18 only

U18 Evaluation Session #1, #2, #3 and #4 Scrimmages

- U18 Players will complete 4 scrimmages (games) in total (No Skill Sessions)
- Scrimmages will be played 5v5
- The game will be played at full ice
- Each game will have 3 periods of 20 minutes no stop unless otherwise changed by the Evaluation Committee
- Penalties will be called, in lieu of powerplays the player on who the infraction occurs will be rewarded a penalty shot. Substitutes are not permitted for penalty shots. All Players may chase the shooter from the blue line when the whistle is blown
- Offsides will be called verbally or by whistle by the on-ice official/coach. Face off will commence. Offside Whistle will be limited to egregious offsides.
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U13,U15,U18- Goalie Evaluation Process

Goalies will be evaluated by NLH Development Inc. for the 2025-26 season. All Goalies will have the opportunity to participate in 1 goalie specific prep session. U13 and U15 Goalies will be evaluated in 3 scrimmage sessions. U18 Goalies will be evaluated in 4 scrimmage sessions. Equal playing time with a random goalie rotation will be established before the beginning of the scrimmage session. Goalies may be removed from scrimmages and assigned to the Top (A) team depending on scoring separation after the first scrimmage game.

Coach Selections

Coach Player selections will be completed for RMHA U13, U15, and U18 teams based on the chart below. If no coach has been pre-selected the team will be formed based entirely upon the evaluation rankings.

Skaters on Team	The Evaluators select	The Coach Selects	From the Next
9	Top 6 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
10	Top 7 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
11	Top 8 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
12	Top 9 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
13	Top 10 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
14	Top 11 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
15	Top 12 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
16	Top 13 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
17	Top 14 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters
18	Top 15 Skaters	3 Skaters	6 Ranked Skaters

Goalie Placement

-The First Goalie will be selected by Evaluation score

The second Goalie will be selected by the Coach where available and from the second and third-placed ranked goalie based on Evaluation scores