



## ***2017-2018 Stephenville Minor Hockey Rep Team Evaluation Process***

### **Objectives of Player Evaluation and Selection:**

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's total hockey skills during the skating and scrimmage sessions
- To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels as determined during the on-ice evaluations of the current year.
- To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude.
- To provide uniformity and consistency in the evaluation process such that a player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the association's programs
- To form teams to maintain balanced and competitive play where the athletes can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing hockey during the season.
- To provide feedback in order to develop players

### **When will rep player evaluations be held?**

November 3 – 5, 2017 (schedule to be posted shortly to the SMHA website and Facebook page)

### **Will there be a fee to tryout?**

Yes, each player who wishes to try out for a rep team will be required to pay \$30 fee to the head coach of their division prior to tryouts. The fee is to cover the rep team ice time allotted for each division. If you are unable to pay the fee due to financial circumstances please speak to one of the Stephenville Minor Hockey Executive Members.

### **How many evaluation sessions will there be?**

All players will be given three (3) on-ice sessions to demonstrate their hockey skills; these sessions will be comprised of individual skill evaluations and scrimmage game-play.

### **Who is eligible to participate in rep player evaluations?**

All players who have completed and returned the Rep Team Participation and Goodwill Agreement form(s) and have paid the rep team evaluation fee are eligible to attend the rep team tryouts.

### **Are there exemptions from player evaluations?**

In the event that a player is unable to make one or more of the tryout sessions to which he or she is assigned, the player or his/her parent(s) should promptly contact the Head Coach (who will in turn report to the President, SMHA) and explain the reason for the absence and provide an estimated time of return. In the cases of sickness/ injury, a note from the attending physician must accompany a player's request for exemption. If the President, SMHA excuses the absence, the player shall be placed in a skills group by the Evaluation Team based on all available information about such player, including the level of the player's most recent team, his/her coach's view and placement of comparable players. Absences due to injury or illness and family emergencies shall generally be excused. Unexcused absences may result in the player not being placed or placed in the lowest skill group in that division.



### **Who will be conducting the rep team evaluations?**

The evaluations will be conducted by independent evaluators, in conjunction with the appointed Head Coach for each division. An independent evaluator is defined as a person from outside the Association (e.g. contracted to conduct evaluations) or a person who is a current member of SMHA and does not have a child/relation playing or coaching in the division.

### **What will the evaluation process consist of?**

#### **There are 3 key groups involved in the evaluations:**

- On-ice coaches to take players through the sessions
- Off-ice evaluators who will be responsible to evaluate every player on the ice during the time allotted. There may be on-ice evaluators depending on the particular division.

#### **Players will be assessed on skills as outlined by Hockey Canada Guidelines:**

- **Skating** - Acceleration, speed, mobility, agility, balance, stride, crossovers, pivots, acceleration out of turns, quick feet, controlled skating, change of pace.
- **Passing** - Passing, receiving, passing choices, on backhand, unselfish with the puck, presents a good target, receives and retains with control, touch passing.
- **Puck Control** - Head up, smooth and quiet, good hands, protection, in small spaces, in traffic.
- **Shooting** - Power, accuracy, quick release, can shoot in motion, goal scorer, rebound control, variety of shots.
- **Positional Play** - Ability to see the play developing both offensively and defensively and moves to support, judgment, anticipation, understands systems, disciplined.
- **Work Ethic/Competitiveness/Discipline/Attitude/Commitment** – positive attitude at all times both on and off the ice, exhibits respect to all players/coaches, demonstrates leadership and teamwork, consistently works hard and is committed to the success of the team.

Upon completion of evaluations players will be contacted by the Head Coach of their team. The coach will outline:

- Scheduling of first meeting with parents and players
- Introduction of other coaches
- Team Expectations
- Practice schedules
- Game/Tournament schedules

***The number of rep teams per division will be based on the registration numbers.***