



SAMHA Player Evaluations

FAQ

We know how important the player evaluation process is to ensure your son or daughter has as much fun as possible while developing their skills each year. We have created a summary of questions and answers that we feel will help support your understanding of this process.

Why does SAMHA evaluate players?

Using an evaluation process, and guided by the Hockey Alberta, Alberta One Player Development model, SAMHA places players of similar ability and skill into tiers.

Learn more... <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/alberta-one/standardized-tiering/>

How does the evaluation process work?

SAMHA uses the evaluation model outlined by Hockey Canada. ([Learn more](#))

Who is doing the player evaluations?

This season, we are excited to work with professionals from 200 Hockey Development. To learn more about 200 Hockey Development and the credentials of their staff, please visit their [website](#).

At U9 and U18, our evaluators are volunteer SAMHA coaches. We intend to have more coach participation in future years and plan to introduce this model in other divisions next season.

How many evaluators are there at each session?

Most sessions have between 3-5 evaluators at the rink.

Why are the evaluators on their phones and not writing down information?

This year, we invested in a tool called [TeamGenius](#) to help improve the process in several ways.

TeamGenius allows our evaluators to enter their ratings and notes through a mobile app rather than on paper. The information is immediately compiled with other evaluators on the TeamGenius admin site. This dramatically reduces the chances for error as we will not need to collect sheets of paper and transfer handwritten scores and comments from paper to spreadsheet. Additionally, the high-quality data and analytics within TeamGenius will help us to confidently place your son or daughter on the right team.

What are players evaluated on?

Each evaluator looks at four different skills, and each evaluator assesses if the player should move up or down from the group they are skating in.

- SKATING
- TACTICAL
- SKILLS
- WORK AND COMPETE

Each division has a different scorecard weighting as defined by [Hockey Canada](#).

What role do SAMHA coaches play in the evaluation process?

Named SAMHA coaches participate in a draft and can choose from a list of available players. Coaches watch evaluation sessions and record their own notes to support this process. This information is not used to determine player rankings.

How do I know if someone is watching my player?

Each session has a minimum of three evaluators. If a player skates four times, they will be evaluated a minimum of 48 times by the end of the process. Although the evaluations are not complete yet, early data shows that all SAMHA players have been evaluated over 50 times each.

When do I skate?

Evaluation skate times are posted on the SAMHA website, and you can access them by navigating to the home page – Divisions – Player Evaluations. Email distribution lists have been set up to notify parents when information is posted.

I registered late; how do I get an evaluation time?

Please get in touch with the SAMHA Director for your division. A listing of the Directors is available on our website.

If I don't have a skate time, who do I contact?

Please get in touch with your Division Director. [Contact Us](#)

How many assessments are there?

This depends on the division, but most SAMHA players will be evaluated at four different assessments before being placed on a team.

Why are the skate times published so late?

After each assessment, multiple volunteers work to place players in a group with like-skilled players for their next skate. This can take a considerable amount of time, and we appreciate your patience with this process. We have a limited amount of ice and time to complete evaluations; often, there are multiple divisions running at one time.

What role does the SAMHA Board of Directors play in evaluations?

The SAMHA Board of Directors leads and supports the operational aspects of our evaluation process. To learn more about our evaluation process, please read our Evaluation Handbook, which includes role descriptions.

Who can I contact with any questions or concerns about the evaluation process?

If you would like to file a formal complaint about the evaluation process, please complete this form, and you will receive a formal response within 48 hrs.

Direct emails or phone calls that are disrespectful or rude will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and please remember this process is supported by volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please speak with your Division Director to learn how you can participate this season and in the future.

Thank you.

St Albert Minor Hockey Association