



WEST COUNTRY CHIEFS

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

**Please note that all players are eligible to try out for the top tiered team. All players are guaranteed 2-3 ice sessions. **

Objective

- To provide a fair and impartial assessment of a player's 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 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.

Evaluation

- Placement evaluations for this season will be conducted by a committee of 2 set forth by Caroline (1) and Spruce View (1) Minor Hockey. These evaluators have extensive hockey knowledge and are here to help us.
- There will be 2-6 volunteer parents/coaches helping
- 1-2 on ice instructors running skills
- Up to 4 on the bench opening doors for scrimmages. The people running drills and opening doors may/will include parents. We ask that the parents opening doors are there to do just that. Parents on the benches are not there to coach or give unfair advantages to any specific player at anytime. On ice instructors have been instructed to have the same professionalism. Drills and Scrimmages have been approved by the CMH and SVMH board.
- The on-ice instructors will focus on age appropriate drills and scrimmages. Skating, puck control, shooting, accuracy, positioning, consistent effort, and ability to focus and listen to the one ice instructor.
- These evaluations are to identify tier appropriate level of each player. We as West Country are striving to have minor hockey teams at all levels. We feel that having the player play at their ability and level will enable them to retain and improve skills at their pace. With the focus to have these players playing many years of minor hockey.
- Possible placement on either team could occur after the 2nd skate, as some players would be easily identified. These players may be asked to not participate in the final ice session.
- Each player being evaluated will be considered for placement at the highest level. Board members and coaches of the top team will have the ability to pick the last remaining players in the event the evaluators scores of certain players are tied. Total team numbers and player evaluation scores will dictate this decision.
- Overaged or underaged players will be evaluated the same as all others competing.



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- At the choice of the player or parents, players may move to the lower tiered team after selections are made. At that time CMH and SVMH board will choose a replacement if numbers dictate that a replacement is needed.
- In the event a player is a late tryout into the season. Said player will be provided with a suitable tryout to determine his/her placement, taking into consideration team numbers.
- Parents are not to approach or communicate with the evaluators or on-ice officials during evaluation sessions
- You will show respect for our volunteers helping us to complete this process.
- Each player will be assigned a number for each skate. No visible names should be on any equipment or jersey of players competing.
- Bullying in any form will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by means of suspension. This applies to both Parents and Players.

Completion of Evaluations

- Once evaluations are completed the players will be placed to their appropriate team based on evaluation score.
- Teams will be noted as Team 1 or 2. i.e. West Country Team 1, West Country Team 2.
- The presidents of both associations will contact individuals to let them know which team they have been selected for via email or phone 24-48hrs after last evaluation session
- Associations will choose coaches and they will be given their player roster. Coaches will contact them to proceed with the season.
- Players can be affiliated up but not down.
- No bullying will be tolerated at the rink or at school. Failure to comply with our association rules will result in a suspension. This goes for both parents and kids.
- We are trying to provide the best levels and fun season for each player and would like this to be a good experience to all.
- Should you have any concerns or questions please contact your minor hockey association President.
- Please remember to follow the 24-hour rule communication guidelines handed out in the Parent Handbook if you have any issues or concerns.



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Tips on preparing for tryouts

- 1) Get a good night's sleep before tryouts
- 2) Be Prepared - Have your hockey bag ready to go to the rink.
- 3) Arrive early to allow yourself to get dressed
- 4) Stay relaxed
- 5) Pay attention to the on-ice officials
- 6) Play unselfishly
- 7) Ask questions whenever you are confused
- 8) Give it your all!

Things Evaluators are looking for:

For some players, tryouts are a nerve-wracking experience. By taking the time to prepare and maintain a good attitude, you can show the evaluators what an ideal fit you make to a successful team.

- 1) Skill - primary skill is skating - If you can excel at starting and stopping, turning and crossovers, the rest of the game is easy.
- 2) Hockey Sense - If you can see and read the ice well you will make plays, even if skill level isn't at the same level as others.
- 3) Positional Play - If you are in position, you have a better chance at making the proper decisions.
- 4) Preparedness - Make sure you are ready to go when you get to the rink anytime
- 5) Character - This tells more about you than any skill you may demonstrate on the ice.
- 6) Leadership - Everyone is a leader, but in different ways.
- 7) Drill Wreckers - Pay attention when coaches are explaining drills.
- 8) Skate Hard to the Bench - If you are scrimmaging, don't slowly wander your way to the bench