



Goaltender

Selection Process

2022-23 Season

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GOALTENDER SELECTION PROCESS

The goaltender selection process document was developed by the WHC Executive to highlight and explain the process used to evaluate and place Goalies. Please note that this document is subject to change without notice. If you have any questions about the document or process, please contact the Goalie Coordinator.

SUMMARY OF SELECTION PROCESS

To be included in the Wolverines Goalie Evaluation process, all Goalies must be registered with the Wolverines Hockey Club (WHC). This includes Goalies trying out for Quadrant Hockey. As of 2014, U15, U18, and U21 Goalies that are trying out for Quadrant Hockey no longer have to pay their WHC fees at the time of registration, fees will be required to be paid after being released from Quadrant tryouts.

The goalie selection process consists of two distinct parts; skill sessions and 5 on 5 games (there maybe be 3 on 3 games in the U11 group). In both the skills sessions and the 5 on 5 games, a comparison process is used whereby the goalies in a particular group (usually a group of 4 goalies) are ranked from top to bottom. These rankings are then used to determine the movement for the next ice time. Rankings will be determined by External Goalie Evaluators.

The player selection process in U9 contains "cross-ice" 3 on 3 games. U11 Goalies are expected to participate in the ice times they sign up for. However, they are not evaluated during these "cross-ice" 3 on 3 games.

There are no goaltender evaluations in U7 (Timbits) or U9. WHC does evaluate and place dedicated goalies to all teams in U11, U13, U15, U18, and U21 (if applicable).

It should be noted that affiliations to quadrant hockey do not affect or come into consideration in the WHC goalie selection process. Goalies affiliated to quadrant hockey teams will be placed on a WHC team based on their performance during the WHC goalie selection process.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

The age category coordinators that sit on the WHC Board of Directors (BOD) are responsible for both the player and goalie evaluations administration in conjunction with WHC Goalie Coordinator Hockey Development and the WHC Executive. All results from the skill sessions and the 5 on 5 games are to be maintained and documented by the External Goalie Evaluators and communicated daily to the WHC Executive. Once the final rankings have been set, the final team placements will be documented and communicated to the age category coordinators.

It is important to note that Wolverines Hockey Club is committed to making the evaluation process as fair as possible. This process has been developed to try to give all goalies equal opportunity to compete and obtain a position that matches their relative skill level. We have tried to contemplate as many scenarios that may arise as possible in the process and will use best efforts to make the process fair.

All skill sessions and 5 on 5 games are evaluated by external goalie evaluators.

PRE-RANKING OF GOALIES

Prior to the skill sessions it is necessary to pre-rank the goalies so that the initial groupings for the sessions may be determined.

All goalies will be pre-ranked using a skills session where the External Goalie Evaluators will set group placement.

In the event of a tie during the trials, the following will be used to establish a final ranking: Between a second-year goalie and a first year goalie, the second year goalie would be placed in the higher pre-ranking position.

Between goalies of the same year, the tiebreaker will be how these goalies ranked in the final goalie selection process in the previous year.

If neither of these breaks a tie (e.g. neither individual evaluated as a goalie in the previous year), the tie will be broken at the discretion of the External Goalie Evaluators.

GROUPINGS

Grouping sizes are left up to the External Goalie Evaluators and can change in size from ice time to ice time.

SKILL SESSIONS

Evaluators

Goalies will be evaluated by External Goalie Evaluators for all skills and 5 on 5 games.

Shooters

The age category coordinators supply shooters for skills sessions 2. Session 1 will not have shooters and will be movement sessions only. The shooters for U11 and U13 can be U18 age plyers or adult volunteers. Shooters for U15 and U18 will be adult volunteers.

Process

There are 2 separate skill sessions, each proceeding with drills that are more difficult each night to show the overall skill set of the goalies.

Each group of goalies will rotate through all of the nets during a skill session.

External Goalie Evaluators will rank the group of goalies at the net they are watching from one to three, four, or five (depending on the number of goalies in the group); one being the most proficient and three, four, or five being the least proficient at that specific drill amongst the goalies in that group. Ties are not permitted. All goalies are ranked in order of proficiency, top to bottom.

At the end of each night's skill session the rankings will be handed in from the External Goalie Evaluators to the WHC Executive, and this is documented in the evaluation software. the independent evaluator provides the executive with the rankings to be collected in the software.

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Rankings will not be posted. The WHC Executive will review the results daily and the family will be emailed by the age group coordinator via the software of their child's group for the next session.

5 ON 5 GAMES

Evaluators

The External Goalie Evaluators conduct all of the 5 on 5 Game Evaluations. They rank the goalies in each game against the other goalies in the game and report back to the WHC Executive. Best efforts will be made to have the same External Goalie Evaluators for all games within each age category to provide consistency between games.

Process

There are generally two to four 5 on 5 games for each group, depending on the age category. The number of games is determined by the associated age category coordinator conducting the player selection process. The rankings from the skills sessions will be used to determine the initial groupings for the 5 on 5 games.

After each game, the External Goalie Evaluators provide the WHC Executive with the rankings to be collected in the software. They will also provide the groupings for the next game. Important to note that groupings may not necessarily reflect current rankings.

MISSING A SESSION DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY

If a goalie is unable to make their evaluation game due to an excused sickness or injury they will remain in the group they were in for that skills session or game. If more than one skills session or game is missed due to sickness or injury the goalie will be placed based on the advice of the External Goalie Evaluators in consultation with the WHC Executive. Previous years coach may be consulted if WHC executive and External Goalie Evaluators feel it is necessary. A doctor's note will be required.

If a goalie is unable to make their skills session or evaluation game for a non-medical reason they will be moved down 2 ranking spots for the following game, and 2 ranking spots for each additional game missed. If the goalie misses all of their skills sessions and games due to non-medical reasons the WHC Executive and External Goalie Evaluators will place them on the lowest team and assess their skill level within that peer group (i.e. If the age group has teams 1 through 6, the goalie will be placed on 6). If movement is required the goalie will be moved accordingly by WHC Executive.

GOALIES ATTENDING QUADRANT HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Goalies attending Quadrant tryouts are encouraged to communicate with the Wolverines age group coordinator after they have been released from their quad team so they can enter the Wolverines process.

Goalies are encouraged to focus on their quadrant tryout and to stay away from the Wolverines evaluations until such a time as they are released from their quad team.

FINAL PLACEMENT OF GOALIES ON TEAMS

The External Goalie Evaluators will have the discretion to remove a goalie from the process if it is determined in their view that the goalie in question is the top goalie in their age group and they no longer need to see him/her on the ice. That goalie will be informed that he/she has achieved a top ranking and no longer needs to compete in the process.

This discretion has been made available so that the external goalie evaluators can evaluate goalies who are closer in skills and abilities.

Wolverines Hockey Club attempts to place 2 goalies on all teams, assuming enough goalies have registered to match the number of teams in each age category. The WHC Executive will monitor the estimated number of teams and goalies during evaluations and report to Hockey Calgary with our current estimated +/- goalie count. If there are excess goalies in an age group and WHC is unable to place a goalie on a Wolverines team, WHC will try to assist the goalie(s) in finding another association to play with. These discussions will start at the end of the skills sessions if it is clear there will be an excessive number of goalies. Alternatively, the goalie can stay in WHC by switching to a player and will be placed on a team in accordance with the team selection process for players. If WHC are short goalies and have the opportunity to pick up additional goalies to fill vacancies, WHC will use a modified process to place them on Wolverines teams. If a vacancy exists at the end of the process and no other goalies are available in Hockey Calgary, WHC will assign a single goalie to some teams. This will usually not occur in the top 2-4 teams or the bottom team in an age category to allow for calling up a goalie if required.

The External Goalie Evaluators will finalize the goalie rankings and forward to the BHS Executive for the final team selection and placement meetings (for details refer to the WHC Evaluation Information Summary and Guide). The age category coordinators will contact the head coaches for each team and supply them with their team player lists. Once finalized, Goalies will be contacted with the final team placement.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

With the evaluation of players being fully outsourced and controls in place to identify anomalies through our electronic systems, there is no longer a grievance process.