

River East Minor Hockey Association (REMHA) Player Evaluation Process

The following document provides an overview of the REMHA evaluation process. All players trying out for Royals and Eagles teams hosted by REMHA will follow the same process. Should you have further questions, please reach out to the VP of your child's respective age group.

Volunteer Responsibilities

The check-in table is run by community volunteers. We ask that volunteers arrive at least 45 minutes before their assigned ice times. When jersey collection is required, we ask that you stay until 30 minutes after the ice time, or until all jerseys are returned.

Check-in table & Jersey Management

Please report to the check-in table at each evaluation skate your child attends. You will receive a jersey at your first skate, which you will return after the 3rd evaluation. You will be assigned a new jersey for the final skate, which can be returned immediately after the ice time. Please note that when turnaround times are short, the VP may have you hold on to your jersey between the 3rd and 4th skates.

Evaluation Process

During tryouts players will be assessed by independent evaluators. Evaluators will be given only a players' jersey number and color. They will not be provided with any names or information on where the player had played previously.

Initial evaluation groups will be balanced to ensure evaluators are using the same baseline when scoring players. Please note late and/or last minute registrations will cause slight variances to the evaluation groups. Players will participate in 3 skates with their evaluation group before being resorted for a 4th and final skate. For each skate, players will be evaluated in accordance with the Player Evaluation Metrics found on the REMHA website. Please note that for U9A1 Royals tryouts some players will be released between the 3rd and 4th skates.

For the 4th evaluation skate players will be regrouped into two or three tranches based on the evaluation results from the first 3 skates and the overall group size. These tranches will represent players eligible for A1-A3, A3-A4 etc. Evaluation groups will be balanced within the tranches to ensure evaluators are scoring fairly across the tranche.

Once divided for the final skate, players cannot drop out of their tranche, nor move up into one above them. This restriction ensures player B, who is the strongest in their group, cannot jump past player A who was the weakest in their group but finished higher in the rankings after the first three skates.

Goalies are scored in accordance with the REMHA Goalie Evaluation Metrics. In addition to their participation with skaters, goalies in the U9 through U15 age groups will receive an additional goalie-only evaluation which will factor into their final rankings.

Upon conclusion of the evaluation process REMHA administrators will have a ranked order for all skaters and goalies, and will proceed to the team formation process. Please see the team formation document on the REMHA website for more information on this process.

Choosing Not to Participate in Tryouts

If you do not wish to participate in tryouts, please notify the VP of your child's respective age group. Players who choose not to participate in tryouts will be placed at the lowest level for their age group.

If your child is physically unable to participate in the tryout process, REMHA administrators will use their discretion to place your child in an appropriate ranking based on previous evaluation metrics, coach feedback and analogous comparisons. Should this be required the administrators ruling will be final and not open for feedback. We strongly encourage families to participate in tryouts if they are able, as the steps mentioned above should be exercised as a last resort only.

Communication During the Evaluation Process

You will receive updates on the tryout process via email from the VP of your child's respective age group. The email addresses used for communication will be those provided when registering your child. Please keep your child's Player ID handy, as it will be used to identify their next assignment. Please note that REMHA administrators receive a large volume of messages during the tryout process and may not be able to respond as quickly as you would like.

Requesting Evaluation Results

If you are interested in seeing the results of your child's evaluation please reach out to the VP of your child's respective age group. Evaluation results are available one week after team formation has finished. Requests made prior to the one week period will not be fulfilled.