

Evaluation and Team Formation Committee

LSMHA Evaluation and Team Formation Committees, in keeping with our Mission Statement, are expected to act in good faith and in the best interests of the Association and all its members, including players, parents, and coaches.

Each Committee will be comprised of the VP of Hockey Operations (or VP of Female Hockey), the appropriate Age Director, and a third Member in Good Standing.

The objective is to create balanced (when more than one team exists at an age division) and competitive teams utilizing player rankings established by MAX Evaluations & Analytics Inc (MAX).

LSMHA will utilize MAX for the following age Divisions: U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18 (if player numbers support).

LSMHA Evaluation and Team Formation Committees will follow the following guidelines when forming teams:

- Utilize MAX Evaluations & Analytics Inc.
- The number of teams and roster sizes will be determined based on player registration numbers prior to the player rankings being released by MAX.
- No adjustments or player movement within the rankings will be made by the Committee.
- Only the Committee for each age group will be provided with the relevant rankings for their age group which shall not to be shared outside of that Committee. MAX will provide the player rankings to the VP of Hockey Operations and the President of LSMHA. The VP of Hockey Operations can then provide a copy of the rankings to the Committee members.
- If two teams are formed at the same level (A1, A2 etc.) MAX rankings will be utilized in a "snake draft" beginning with the highest-ranking player being placed on the team with the lower ranking goalie.
- Lower ranking goalie with the following ranked skaters 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th...
- Higher ranking goalie with the following ranked skaters 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th ...
- No friends, siblings, or coaching requests will be considered by the Committee in forming teams.
- Prior to evaluations starting, each committee will establish criteria to follow if a player is unable to participate fully in evaluations due to sickness or injury. Possible criteria may include utilizing the previous season's evaluation scores to locate the three

players above and three players below the player in question and place them based on where those other six players ranked.

- Ties within the rankings at or near the “cut-off” for two different levels (e.g. A1 and A2) will be determined by the Committee. Prior to starting evaluations, each committee will establish tie-breaker criteria in the unlikely event of such a tie. Possible criteria may include utilizing the most recent or final skate score or a specific individual skill such as forward skating to determine the tie break. Further, if the team roster is previously determined to be 13 players for a particular level, and the tie occurs between players ranked 13th and 14th, the committee can consider allowing both to play at the higher level and modify the roster size by one.
- In the unlikely event that a Committee Member has a player who ranks in such a tie breaking scenario between two different levels of play, it is expected that the Committee member will remove themselves from the decision-making process leaving the remaining two committee members to make the decision. If tied, a third Member in Good Standing will be contacted for the final vote.
- During the evaluation period, any situation or issues that may arise and are not addressed under committee guidelines will be addressed by the Committee operating in good faith and in the best interest of LSMHA.
- The Committee will provide a report to the Executive at the first board meeting after the teams are formed on any decisions or deviations from the rankings provided by MAX that they were required to make during team formations.