

Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to:

- Ensure a fair, impartial, and transparent assessment of player abilities.
- Provide coaches with appropriate flexibility to build teams aligned with their coaching philosophy and assessment of player skill, attitude, and development potential.
- Support unbiased player evaluations through independent assessment and provide recommendations to assist coaches in team selection.
- Provide player development feedback when requested.

Player Registration Criteria

A player can be registered and try out only in appropriate age categories. However, concessions to play as an over or under aged player may be made due to extenuating circumstances and/or need. A request for concession must be submitted to the PFHP Board for review and consideration and approved by Hockey Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Female Hockey League (SaskFHL).

If a player chooses to try out for a AA boys team in another association, they forfeit their ability to play on the age-appropriate Parkland Phoenix AA team. However, concessions may be made due to extenuating circumstances and/or need. A request for concession must be submitted to the PFHP Board for review and consideration.

Successful players to roster on a AA Parkland Phoenix team may not be registered with another Minor Hockey Association team (no double rostering).

Evaluation Process

All prospective AA Parkland Phoenix players must register for tryouts through the PFHP TeamLinkt platform. Full payment of registration and tryout fees is required in order to participate in the evaluation process.

Using the camp and tryout fees collected, the PFHP will be responsible to pay ice rental, cost of any officials, costs associated with evaluators, and any other costs associated with the tryouts.

Prospective players may be asked to indicate an alternate team preference should they not be selected for an AA Parkland Phoenix team. This information is collected to assist PFHP and its member associations in planning A-level team formation.

Following registration, prospective players and families will receive an email outlining the player evaluation process, PFHP information, practice schedules and locations, estimated team cost ranges, and any other pertinent details.

Evaluation Committee

To ensure objectivity and transparency, player evaluations will be conducted by an evaluation committee consisting of:

Parkland Female Hockey Program Policy

AA Parkland Phoenix Player Evaluations and Team Selection Guidelines



- The head coach
- Two to three independent evaluators

Independent evaluators are appointed by the PFHP Board and must be impartial, have no family relationships with any participating players, and may remain anonymous throughout the selection process.

Tryout Dates and Attendance

All AA teams must complete player evaluations within the timelines prescribed by Hockey Saskatchewan. In addition to scheduled evaluation skates, mandatory conditioning skates and/or exhibition games may be held.

Players who are unable to attend evaluations may submit an appeal for consideration to the Head Coach and the PFHP Board. If granted, ice times will be arranged by the PFHP and may include different locations within the tryout window. Any additional ice costs would be at the cost of family/player who submitted the appeal and must be received by the PFHP prior to the evaluation skates.

Evaluation Results

Upon completion of the tryout process, players will be notified by email, phone call or meeting no later than 24 hours after the final team selection has been made. Head coaches are encouraged to have one-on-one exit meetings with all players to provide feedback which contributes to healthy player development.

Chosen players are expected to understand and follow the Hockey Saskatchewan Code of Conduct policy and Hockey Saskatchewan Social Media Policy.

A player who is not chosen for a PFHP AA team will be given a release as per Hockey Saskatchewan Handbook.

Minimum team sizes will be:

- U13AA = 15 players plus 2 goalies
- U15AA = 15 players plus 2 goalies
- U18AA = 15 players plus 2 goalies

Smaller teams must be approved by the PFHP Board.

Affiliated players (AP) are not allowed to participate as an AP player until all the appropriate paperwork has been completed and filed with the registering center who will submit to Hockey Saskatchewan and advise the head coach upon completion. Affiliated players must refer to and follow the Hockey Saskatchewan and SKFHL regulations.