



## Berlin Youth Hockey Team Placement and Skills Assessment/Evaluation

When a skills assessment is necessary it will be evaluated by a panel of experienced coaches and/or experienced people outside the level for which evaluations are necessary.

The Coaching Director and individuals chosen by the coaching director will select a group of evaluators to aid in the selection of the teams.

- An evaluator **cannot** have a relative trying out at the level he/she is evaluating.
- The evaluators will be used as a guide and not the sole device for choosing the team.
- The evaluators results will be reviewed by the Coaching Director, who will have direct contact with a Panel of Coaches (Coaches with prior knowledge of the players).

Berlin Youth Hockey (BYH) has developed an evaluation process for skills assessment that is intended to place players on teams matching the individual skills and competitive level of each child. Great care is taken to ensure that the process is as impartial as possible. The drills chosen for evaluations are intended to demonstrate skills that are level appropriate based on USA Hockey guidelines.

- Each player will be evaluated during evaluations while performing basic and/or advanced hockey skills and/or scrimmages against their peers.
- Each player is given the opportunity to perform at their highest level, in a fair and open chance to compete for a position on each team for which they are eligible.
- BYH conducts an open evaluation at each level necessary.
- BYH does have the authority to place a player on the higher or lower-level team based on the Panel of Coaches feedback. Sensitivity, respect, and consideration to the self-image of the players should be foremost and player selection and assignments will be done with that in mind.
- Selection to a BYH team will be based upon skill, experience, attitude, and conduct.
- BYH does understand many of these athletes are involved in other sports, may have other obligations and may not be available during each session.
  - If a skater misses an evaluation session, they will only be scored and seen for the evaluation session they were able to attend and players/parents should make every attempt to attend all sessions for their respective age group as to be given multiple opportunities of evaluation.

Skaters will be evaluated on a combination of basic ice hockey skills such as skating (edges, forward stride, backward stride, transition skating), puck handling (passing, receiving, shooting), scoring ability, aggressiveness/effort, team play, and coach-ability.

Goalies will be evaluated on their balance and movement, agility and quickness, angles and positions, save selection, anticipation, aggressiveness, concentration, and athleticism.



A group of evaluators will review their observations, analyze, and assess players and provide that information to the Coaching Director. The Coaching Director in conjunction with information provided by the Panel of Coaches will determine which players are selected for their respective teams.

A player is not guaranteed a position on their previous year's team or previous year's tier. Prior participation on a BYH team may be considered when other evaluative factors are equal. Player or parental conduct inconsistent with USA Hockey or BYH Policies and Procedures during a past season may be taken into consideration in making player selections. Player selections will be made for the best developmental interest of the individual player.

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES DURING EVALUATIONS:**

- Parents should not approach, talk to, or attempt to influence evaluators before, during or after evaluation sessions.
- These sessions are considered closed sessions, meaning parents/family members are not allowed to be in the rink viewing area during the session as to not distract the players or coaches on the ice and to give each athlete the concentration they deserve while on the ice.
- Any persons found in violation of this will forfeit their players evaluation results, and the player will be placed on the lower team.
- It is understood that evaluations are a stressful time for these athletes and the utmost care should be considered by parents and family members to not add additional pressure while they are on the ice.
- Communications should be restricted to the BYH administrative official(s) coordinating the process.

\*There is no mechanism to appeal the placement of any player after evaluations have been completed and team selections have been determined.

\*Team Head Coaches will be recommended by the Coaching Director from a list of interested coaches, after team selections have been completed.