

Wayzata Youth Hockey Player Qualities by Age Group



WYHA is committed to providing evaluations that focus on specific player qualities that correlate with WYHA's PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY. The table below illustrates the desired player attributes as a player progresses through the specified age group. Player QUALITIES include standards THAT CORRELATE with WYHA's 4 pillars of development.

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Never		Sometimes		Often		Consistent/Always	
Squirt/U10	Technical Skills						
Skating	Player demonstrates ability to use all four edges. Player consistently has good knee bend in forward and backwards skating. Player demonstrates ability to transition between forwards and backwards skating.						
Puck Control and Passing	Player consistently slides the puck flat in forehand and backhand passing. Player demonstrates ability to control puck at near top speed. Player receives passes cleanly and with their hands away from their body.						
Shooting	Player can shoot the puck properly and without scooping. Player can redirect or one-time pucks into the net. Player consistently gets shots attempts during games.						
	Offensive Principles						
Puck support	Player consistently is attempting to move to areas of the ice where he/she can receive a pass from a teammate. Player recognizes when to use close puck support when their teammate is in danger of losing the puck.						
Ice Awareness	Player creates odd man situations by utilizing “give and go” hockey. Player anticipates what to do with the puck before it arrives to them. Player understands to attack through the neutral zone with speed and with the puck in the middle of the ice.						
Driving Offense	Player understands how to create space and when to exploit and confuse defensive structure. Player consistently is looking to attack and create opportunities.						
	Defensive Principles						
1v1 Skills	Player consistently has his/her stick on the ice and in position to create a turnover. Player keeps their body in position between the puck carrier and the net. Player shows relentless effort and compete in 1v1 defense.						
Time and Space Management	Player consistently maintains good gap control on opposing rushes. Player shows ability to take away time and space from opposing players.						
Ice Awareness	Player understands the importance of “The House” and high danger areas. Player anticipates where the opposition is going with the puck next. Player understands where low danger areas of the ice are.						
	Transitional Thinking						
5 Second Press	Player applies immediate pressure when the puck is lost. Player understands their role in the team’s effort to win the puck back.						
First Movements	When team gains possession, player understands his role in attacking up the ice quickly.						
First Pass	Player consistently completes the first pass after gaining possession. Player jumps into the attack after making the first pass. Player completes the quickest and safest first pass to promote prolonged team possession.						