

CONFEDERATION HOCKEY CLUB

Evaluation Guide - 2023

Confed Hockey's evaluation process for 2023 is remaining largely unchanged from last season.
This guide is intended to outline the process, and answer the most common questions received from parents and coaches.

The second page of this guide contains a detailed breakdown of the process.
A detailed explanation of the Multi-Station Evaluation for U9 will be provided separately.

Evaluation Format

U7 (Sr Timbits only) - Evaluation will consist of a short timed skate, with the goal of making balanced teams

U9 - Evaluation will consist of a timed skate (similar to last year), plus a Multi-Station evaluation skate, followed by a scrimmage

U11 - Evaluation will consist of a timed skate (similar to last year), followed by two scrimmage sessions

U13 - Evaluation will consist of a timed skate (similar to last year), followed by two scrimmage sessions

FAQ

Q: Why are timed skates used at all?

A: Past seasons show that the timed skates do a very good job as the first evaluation to group kids with similar skill levels. They provide a consistent and fair way to determine the initial groups for the following sessions.

Q: Why are there three evaluations for U9, U11 & U13?

A: While the timed skate provides valuable information and data, many skills are not captured. Feedback from parents and coaches also indicated that some skaters may have been better placed had they been given a chance to show their skills in a game-like setting. The second and third skates will provide our Directors more data to assist with better team formation.

Q: Why are U9 playing in a scrimmage this year?

A: Feedback from parents and coaches indicated that some skaters may have been better placed if there was an additional skate in a game-like setting, similar to U11 & U13. The additional skate will provide our Directors more data to assist with better team formation.

Q: What is "Multi-Station Evaluation?"

A: Think of it as a controlled practice. Stations will be set up with mini-games, battle drills, etc. This will highlight the skills not captured by the timed skate; Shooting, passing, hockey sense, aggression, awareness, mobility, etc.

Q: Who is doing the evaluating?

A: Confed hires independent groups of evaluators to monitor the scrimmage / multi-station sessions, and provide evaluation results to our Directors. They are neither parents nor coaches of Confed players.

If you have any additional questions, please contact our Directors:

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2023 - Evaluation Dates

Category	U7	U9	U11	U13
#1 - Skill Skate	Sat Sep 16, 2023	Sat Sep 9, 2023 (or Mon Sep 4 by signup)	Mon Sep 4, 2023	Sat Sep 9, 2023 (or Mon Sep 4 by signup)
#1B - Goalie Skate	N/A	N/A	Mon Sep 4, 2023	Mon Sep 4, 2023
#2 - Second Evaluation	N/A	Sat Sep 16, 2023	Sat Sep 9, 2023	Sun Sep 10, 2023
#3 - Third Evaluation	N/A	Sun Sep 17, 2023	Sun Sep 10, 2023	Sat Sep 16, 2023
#4 - Team Formation	By Sep 21, 2023	By Sep 21, 2023	By Sep 14, 2023	By Sep 21, 2023

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Category	U7	U9	U11	U13
#1 - Skill Skate	Timed Skating Drills			
<i>Note: Detailed drill explanations (and videos) can be found on the Confed website, under: Players / -> Evaluations / -> Evaluation Drills</i>	No Puck Forwards 30 m Backwards 30 m	No Puck Forwards 30 m Backwards 30 m Transition (Butterfly) With Puck Weave	No Puck Forwards 30 m Backwards 30 m Transition (Butterfly) With Puck Weave	No Puck Forwards 30 m Backwards 30 m With Puck Transition (Butterfly) Weave
Outcome	Team Created, See #4	Players grouped by results for further evaluation		
#1B - Goalie Skate	N/A	N/A	Goalie Skill Skate	
Outcome			Independent evaluators run goalies through a set of goalie specific drills. Goalies are placed into skater groups for #2 - Second Eval, based on the results	
#2 - Second Evaluation	N/A	Multi-Station Evaluation	Scrimmage	Scrimmage
Outcome		Independent evaluators identify groups of players with similar skill within each group, as well as players that should be moved up or down into a different group		
#3 - Third Evaluation	N/A	Scrimmage	Scrimmage	Scrimmage
Outcome		Independent evaluators identify groups of players with similar skill within each group, as well as players that should be moved up or down into a different group		
#4 - Team Formation	Category Directors form teams within each grouping, considering the following criteria:			
Criteria / Considerations		Streams of Play	Streams of Play	Streams of Play
	Equitable Skill	Equitable Skill	Equitable Skill	Equitable Skill
	Coaching	Coaching	Coaching	Coaching
	Friend Requests	Friend Requests	Position	Position
			Friend Requests	Friend Requests

Team Formation Criteria

Streams of Play (SoP)	Directors make every effort to satisfy the Streams of Play choice of families. Time and cost are important to families, and Confed endeavours to respect the choices of our families as much as possible. However, it is important to note that Streams of Play will NOT be used to place a player in a tier that isn't appropriate for <u>their skill level</u> . If you have questions or concerns about Streams of Play, please contact Hockey Ops.
Equitable Skill	Equitable Skill is the primary consideration for a players' team placement (along with SoP as described above). Players will have the most enjoyable and successful hockey experience if they are placed in a tier suitable for their skill level. The evaluation process is designed to give all players the opportunity to showcase their skills, while giving Directors the necessary information to correctly place players on teams.
Coaching	Every effort is made to select coaches from within the tiers established by the evaluation process. If options have been exhausted and coaches are required for a team, as a last resort a player may be moved up or down 1 tier in order to provide a team with a needed coach.
Position	In U11 and U13, positions may be a factor used to determine which team players get placed on, but only if the considerations above can also be satisfied.
Friend Requests	Reciprocal friend requests will be granted if practical. If the evaluation process separates players by more than 1 tier, friend requests cannot be granted. A player may move down a maximum of one tier. Players are not permitted to move up a tier to honour a friend request.