**2020 Evaluation Process**

**Pee Wee (U13)**

* The players have been divided into 3 teams for evaluations. Each team will have 1 Skills session and 2 Scrimmages between Saturday, Oct. 17th & Sunday, Oct. 18th.  As well as Oct 19th for the goalies.
* These sessions will allow our Evaluators to rank the players.  Goalies, Defence, Forwards
* A coach for U13 team 1 will be selected on Monday evening.  This roster will consist of 1 or 2 Goalies and 12 or 13 skaters. The top 2 or 3 Goalies and skaters ranked 1 - 20 will skate on Tuesday and Wednesday.  The top players will be placed on the team based on the weekend evaluations. U13 team 1 Head Coach will select the final 2-4 players to complete their roster.
* A coach for U13 team 2 will be selected on Thursday, October 22nd.  This roster will consist of 12 or 13 players and 1 or 2 Goalies.
* All remaining U13 players will skate on 2 more times.  A selected number of top players will be placed on the team based on evaluation scores and the U13 team 2 Head coach will select the final 3 or 4 players.
* Remaining players will form Pee Wee 3 and a coach can be selected.

**Bantam (U15)**

* The players have been divided into 3 teams for evaluations. Each team will have 1 Skills session and 2 Scrimmages between Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th.
* It has been decided that there will be 2 TOP teams and they will be divided to be equal strength teams. Initially both teams will be starting as Tier 3 teams. Some of the reasons that the executive and evaluation committee made this choice are the following:
  + 95% of the U15 players would like to play contact and only Tiers 1, 2, & 3 are contact. If we went with our traditional model, the 3 teams would be placed in Tiers 2, 4, 6, which would mean 66% of our U15 players would be playing non-contact. Some may question why we would not go with Tier’s 2, 3 & 5 and it was determined to be in the best interest of the kids to go with two Tier 3 teams. The evaluation coordinator is happy to explain all the reasons and the thought process in detail.
* We will refer to those two teams as 1A and 1B, with the A and B not representing anything besides a label for schedules. Then there will also be a 3rd team referred to as U15 Team 2.
* With the current number of players at U15, each team will consist of 9 Forwards and 3 D, however subject to change if the number of players in U15 changes.
* These teams will be made up strictly from the outside evaluators scores, with no coaches picks. However this is subject to change if there are ties in the scores. The evaluation committee holds each other accountable and impartial. We are working many hours to make this a great situation and year for all kids or at least as many kids as possible.

***Note – Team size and numbers will change if/when other players join U15***

**Midget (U18)**

* The players have been divided into 2 teams for evaluations.
* Each team will have 1 Skills session and 2 Scrimmages between Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th.
* These sessions will allow our Evaluators to rank the players. Hockey Alberta and the league states that 17 skaters is the maximum that we can have on a U18 roster and we are currently at 21 skaters in Devon. As we explain the process, please know that this is the most difficult decision that we have had to make and it is with very heavy hearts that we have to do this. We have tried to explore every option that has been suggested and unfortunately this is the option that is chosen. We fully understand that it is a bad option out of the few bad options to choose from. We are willing to explain all the reasons and thought processes that went into this decision.
* The team will be made based on the scores from outside evaluators. The bottom 4 players will be given options based on their age. If a 2005 born child is ranked in the bottom 4, he will have the option to join the U15 Devon team or be released to play where he chooses. There are no guarantees, but DMHA will work with the family to look for a U18 roster spot in Spruce Grove, Calmar, Leduc, Edmonton, etc. If a 2004 or 2003 child is ranked in the bottom 4, then they will only have one option. He will be released to play where he chooses. There are no guarantees, but DMHA will work with the family to look for a U18 roster spot in Spruce Grove, Calmar, Leduc, Edmonton, etc

**Initiation**

The IP group is not part of the formal evaluation process.  DMHA will work with the IP Level Coordinator.

**U9**

* The players have been divided into 3 teams for evaluations.
* Each team will have 1 Skills session and 2 Scrimmages between Friday, Oct. 2nd and Sunday, Oct 4th..
* These sessions will allow our Evaluators to rank the players from 1 - 31.  Specific positions are **NOT** considered at this age.
* A coach for U9 team 1 will be selected on Monday evening. This roster will consist of 10 or 11 skaters. (Subject to change)
* Players ranked 1-16 (subject to change) will skate again on Tuesday, Oct. 6th and Wednesday, Oct. 7th.  Approximately 9 players will be on the team based on the weekend evaluations. U9 team 1 Head Coach will select the final 1 or 2 players for their roster.   U9 team 1 is now complete and the process repeats with the remaining players.
* A coach for U9 team 2 will be selected Wednesday, Oct. 7th.  This roster will consist of 10 or 11 skaters.
* The remaining players will skate again on Saturday, Oct. 9th and 10th.  The top 9 remaining skaters based on the weekend evaluations will be on U9 team 2 and the U9 team 2 coach will select 1 or 2 skaters to fill their roster.  U9 team 2 complete.
* This leaves 10 or 11 skaters to make up U9 team 3 and a coach can be picked.

**U11**

* The players have been divided into 3 teams for evaluations.
* Each team will have 1 Skills session and 2 Scrimmages between Friday Oct. 2nd and Sunday, Oct. 4th.
* These sessions will allow our Evaluators to rank the players. Goalies (hybrid and full time), defence, and forwards.  (Hybrid player will be evaluated as a goalie and a skater)
* A coach for U11 team 1 will be selected on Monday Oct. 5th.  This roster will consist of 16 or 17 skaters. The exact breakdown of Forwards and Defence will not be known until the Goalies can be factored in because it depends where the full time and hybrid goalies place. **A very important note at the U11 level, we do not require there to be a set number of D or F, therefore the final selections could be a player that is D or F.**
* A selected number of players will skate again on Tuesday, Oct. 6th and Wednesday, Oct. 7th.  .  This will be Goalies, Defence, and Forwards. This will allow U11 1 Head Coach to select the final 2 or 3 players for their roster.  Players 1-14 will be on the team based on the weekend evaluations (exact #’s subject to change based on tied scores). This will complete the U11 team 1.
* The remaining players will be on U11 team 2 and a coach will be selected.