



Knights Hockey Club Player Placement Town Hall

August 2021



Agenda

- Introduction Knights Hockey Club Season
- Hot off the Press
- Parent Expectations
- Overview of the Evaluation Process
- What is the 'Pre-seed'?
- Evaluation Criteria
- How does a player move through the process?
- Goalie Evaluations
- How will teams be formed?
- Questions and Answers



Message from Hockey Calgary

- Released on August 26, 2021 -For the continued health and safety of members as we return to hockey
- Effective August 27, 2021 – mask will be required for all athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who participate in KHC programs
- Masks will be not be required on the ice for practices or games.
- Masks required in dressing room for players, coaches and parents
- Masks required by coaches on the bench during games
- Masks required by Timekeepers and Penalty box attendants
- Mask required by all fans in the stands watching games and practices
- In effect until at least September 27th 2021 – when it will reviewed



Parent Expectations

- **NO SPECTATORS IN THE ARENA FOR U9-U18 PLAYER PLACEMENT SKATES**
 - **LIVE BARN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO WATCH THE PLACEMENT SKATES**
- Reported violations of this policy will be investigated and families found in violation of the rules will be asked to correct their behavior.
- Progressive discipline will be applied as follows on a per family basis.
- **1st Violation –**
- Written warning issued via email to the family explaining the policy and requesting future compliance. A record will be kept for future reference.
- **2nd Violation –**
- The parents/guardians in the offending family will be asked to participate in a conversation with the discipline committee within one week of the discipline violation being reported.
- If the family refuses the meeting, they will be unable to participate in any hockey activities until the meeting takes place.
- **3rd Violation –**
- The discipline Committee will review the circumstances and may assign further penalties.



Parent Expectations

- Read all communication from the Player Placement Team, Age Group Coordinators and Knights Hockey Club.
- Ensure that you and your player(s) understand the process.
- Practice proper sports etiquette and adhere to the principles of Respect in Sport.
- People demonstrating unacceptable behavior will be referred to the Vice President of Safety and Governance and could face disciplinary action
- Unacceptable behavior includes but is not limited to: a) abusive or threatening language towards players, volunteers or other parents, b) not following KHC policies re spectators, c) not following AHS or Facility guidelines regarding Covid-19



Parent Expectations

- Assist your player in being prepared. Arrive at the rink 30 minutes before their scheduled ice time. Be fully dressed and ready to go 15 minutes before ice time is scheduled to begin.
- Stay positive and support your player throughout the process. They will perform better when stress is lower.
- Inform your Age Group Coordinator if you will be missing an ice time, if your player is sick, or becomes injured during the process.
- No photos or video inside the dressing rooms. No photos of sign in sheets. Please consult the KHC social media policy for further guidance.
- We strongly encourage you to keep your player's cell phone out of the dressing room during the placement skates



Player Placement Process

- A quantitative process where players are evaluated by non-age group coaches and independent (non-association) evaluators.
- There will be a minimum of 6 evaluators per skate.
- There are 4 Player Placement skates per age group. (U9-U18)
- For U9 there will be two timed drills skates. One without pucks and one with pucks. Players will be placed alphabetically into these two skates. There will then be two game play skates to round out the placement process
- For U11-U15 – there will be 1 skills session and 3 game play sessions.
- For U18 – there will be 4 game play sessions
- Players will be evaluated on their Competitive Spirit, Functional Intelligence, Puck Possession Skills, and Speed



Player Placement Process

- U11 and U13 players will be placed in Skate 1 based off of the team that they played on last season. The 'pre-seed'.
- After this initial placement, the 'pre-seed' is dropped and is no longer considered for future Skate placement.
- While every effort was made not to split players who played on the same team last year, unfortunately we may have to mostly due to the imbalance between forwards and defense in U13.
- Players can move up a Group, stay in the same Group, or move down a Group after each Skate based off of their ranking determined by the evaluators.



Placement Criteria





Player Movement

- Players are placed in a Group in Skate 1 based on the pre-seed for U11-U13
- U9 skate 1 and 2 are alphabetical only, then skate 3 and 4 based on skate 1 and 2 average ranking
- Players move between Groups based off of their rankings during the previous Skate(s) as determined by the evaluators
- Final Rankings and team placement based on the 4th Skate



Player Movement

	Skate 1	Skate 2	Skate 3	Skate 4	Final Ranking	End Team/Division
Group G (lowest ranked)	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 7
Group F	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 6 & 7
Group E	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 5 & 6
Group D	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 4 & 5
Group C	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 3 & 4
Group B	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 2 & 3
Group A (highest ranked)	Pre-seed	S1	S2	S3	S4	Div 1 & 2



Goalie Placement

- Due to the specialized nature of the goaltender position, a specialized third party company has been retained to provide evaluators for the entire process.
- Goalies will have 1 technical skates and 3 evaluation skates with the players to determine their team placement.
- Goalies will be required for the skills skates but those will be non evaluated skates for the goalies



Team Formation

- Players final rankings are based of the 4th placement skate.
- Coaches will be selected after the players are placed on a team from their final ranking.
- With the size of the organization, we will have parody teams in a fair number of division.



Other Information

- The uKnighted Fund provides financial support in the form of registration fee support and cash call support to Knights Hockey Club families facing financial challenges or obstacles.
- Tier 1 Applicants- October 15th of current year
Tier 2 Applicants- December 15th of current year
- All information on our website
- In September KHC is doing a Snack drive for Brown Bagging for Kids Calgary – information to come on social media and email



Volunteer Opportunities

- We will use Signup Genius.com for members to register for volunteer shifts that fit into your personal schedule for evaluations and various roles throughout the season. The link will be sent to the membership as well as posted on the Knights Hockey Club website.
- We require volunteers for
 - Check in desk
 - Dressing room supervisors
 - U9 and U11 Bench supervisors – need to track shifts and line combinations – and run set the clock for 1 minute shifts



Volunteer Opportunities

- We require coaches for
 - On ice leads and helpers – in your own age group is acceptable
 - Off ice evaluators – out of your own age group
 - On ice referees for game play – in your own age group
 - U13-U18 bench supervisors – in own age group can not be on same bench as your players
- Sign up for these opportunities will be through a google drive link emailed to the coaches shortly



Thank You to our Volunteers

- Player Placement would not be possible without our volunteers.
- We will have over 100 members volunteering 1000's of hours to ensure that player placements run smoothly. They include evaluators, on ice coaches, bench staff, referees, check-in desk/jersey distribution, board members and more.
- Be courteous and respectful to our volunteers.
- Thank You for your time and making the season a success for our players!!!



Questions

- If you have any additional questions after tonight contact your age group coordinators
 - U7 - Pearl Tang – u7@knightshc.ca
 - U9 – Jenn Bolger – u9@knightshc.ca
 - U11 – Lisa McBain & Kate Kundert – u11@knightshc.ca
 - U13 – Michelle Thorburn & Jen Wood – u13@knights.ca
 - U15 – Abra Greffen & Stephanie Dyck – u15@knightshc.ca
 - U18 – Pam Rioux, Irina Dart & Katherine Melrose – u18@knightshc.ca