



Milton Minor Hockey Association – Evaluation Policy

MMHA is committed to bringing the community of Milton a quality hockey experience that positively impacts the lives of the children, parents/guardians, families, and the community it proudly represents.

1. Purpose:

The MMHA Evaluation Policy outlines the process for Rep, MD and Advanced House League evaluations for the 2026-2027 season, including guiding principles, registration, withdrawal/refund policy, player list and selection, and general information on the player evaluation process.

2. Guiding Principles:

- To provide a fair and impartial evaluation of a player's total hockey skills.
- To provide coaches with the opportunity and flexibility to build a team based in part on their own coaching philosophy and knowledge of player skills and attitude.
- To form competitive well-balanced teams of players who respect their peers, their Coaches, Milton Minor Hockey Association and other teams, and compete to win whilst not compromising the spirit of the game.
- This Policy may be amended by the MMHA from time to time without prior notification. Any changes will be posted to the MMHA website.

3. Evaluation Registration and Request for Withdrawal/Refund

- a. Players shall register separately for each level of MMHA evaluations they wish to attend (AA/A/BB/B/MD/AHL). Players may register for as few or as many levels as they wish. Registration is only for one level and **does not cover any level(s) below** (e.g. registration for **A** evaluations only covers that level and not **B/BB** evaluations);
- b. If a player signs with a team at any level (within MMHA or any other hockey association), they may request a refund for lower-level evaluations purchased, if the player has not attended any part of those evaluations. Note: If a player registers for **A and BB evaluations** and is selected to an **A team** (MMHA or otherwise) but has participated in any portion of concurrent **BB evaluations, no refund** will be processed;
- c. **No refunds** will be processed for players that sign with a team at another hockey association at the same or lower level;
- d. If a player is not able to attend an evaluation session due to injury or illness, notice must be provided as soon as possible to info@miltonwinterhawks.com. **No refund** will be processed. (See item #7 below for additional information on injury or illness);
- e. In all cases, a player must be registered to be considered for selection during the evaluation process;
- f. If a player chooses not to attend any evaluation session(s) for which they have previously registered for any reason not listed above, **no refund** will be processed.

All refunds issued under section 3b) must be requested through the **Program Info** tab on the [MMHA website](#) and are exempt from Administration Fees. If a player has not participated in any MMHA



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evaluation sessions and is eligible under section 3b for a refund, the player's pinnie must be returned to the MMHA office.

4. Player Lists and Selection

- Players/Goalies will be notified of their evaluation status within a reasonable timeframe via the MMHA website. Parents will use the player's Pinnie # to identify their child.
- For any evaluation starting after 6:30pm Players/Goalies may be notified of their evaluation status, via the MMHA website as late as the following morning.
- Final Player/Goalie selections will be communicated via the team coach.
- Upon the completion of the final evaluation session, each remaining candidate will either be offered a roster spot on the team or asked to begin evaluations at the next level.
- Players that receive an offer of commitment from a team, will be provided with a code that will lead them to Milton's online registration platform. Registration and completion of any OMHA requirements serves as acceptance of the offer of commitment.
- Players are not required to skate at an evaluation to be offered a roster spot. Roster spots may be offered after each evaluation session.
- If a player has received an offer and has not registered to the offering team within the prescribed timeframe as communicated by the Coach, the MMHA and Head Coach reserves the right to rescind the offer and move forward with an offer to another player.
- Player Selection criteria are age and level specific, evaluate drills that allow players to demonstrate specific skills, tactics, behaviors, overall hockey knowledge and intellect.
- Off-ice evaluators will be responsible to evaluate the players on the ice during the time allotted. Evaluators generally include: the Head Coach, evaluators of the Head Coach's & Rep Directors choosing, MMHA Coach Mentor (if applicable), and independent evaluators assigned by MMHA.
- All Final Rosters will be reviewed by the appropriate Rep Director.
- MMHA reserves the right to limit non resident players (see MMHA Import Policy).

5. Session Evaluations

- A development provider will be conducting all on-ice skills and drills.
- Full equipment is mandatory. Players will be assigned a numbered pinnie that must be worn during evaluation sessions.
- Some evaluations (e.g. first day) may include one or more "Split Sessions." A Split Session is when a single evaluation session is split into two individual skates (e.g. Monday at 7:00pm and 8:00pm). This is a single evaluation day, but half of the participants would go to the first time and the other half to the second time; players will only attend ONE of the skates. In the event of a Split Session, please check your evaluation schedule for details, and if not noted on the schedule, you will receive an email from the coach to inform you which of the two skates you are to attend. If you have not received an email from the coach by the morning of the Evaluation, please contact the coach directly for assistance.

6. Mandatory Body Contact Clinics



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- All U14 players attending evaluations at the “A” level or above, as well as any U15 and older players attending evaluations at the “A” level or above who have never attended a Body Contact Clinic, are required to attend a Body Contact Clinic before attending Winterhawks Evaluations for A and AA. You will not be allowed to attend evaluations for these levels if you have not completed the clinic. Goalies do not have to attend these clinics.
- If a player is attending a clinic outside of those offered by MMHA, proof of completion must be sent to repadmin@miltonwinterhawks.com.

7. Injured or Ill players

- If a player is not able to attend an evaluation due to injury or illness, notice must be provided as soon as possible to info@miltonwinterhawks.com, with a required medical note. The note must include a suggested date for the player to be able to fully return to competitive play. There is no guarantee of a spot.
- Decisions regarding injured or ill players are subject to final approval by MMHA Executives. Coaches must first consult with the appropriate Rep Director regarding any requests or exceptions involving injured or ill players. The Rep Director will bring the request forward to the Executive for review and final approval.
- Injured or ill players are required to pay the evaluation registration fee.

8. Evaluations for White & Blue Winterhawks and/or Gold & Black Jr Menace Teams

- When MMHA Rep Programs consist of two teams for that level (e.g. “BB”) players do not register specifically for the “White” or “Blue” (“Gold” or “Black”) evaluations, they register for the level. E.g. player would register for “U14 BB,” not “U14 BB White” or “U14 BB Blue.”
- The White (Gold) team will select players first; if a player is not selected for the White (Gold) team, they will then be released to the Blue (Black) evaluation. Players are not permitted to bypass the White (Gold) evaluation.