

## KC Sabres Evaluations

Starting on Sept.10,2020 we will begin evaluations for our KC Sabres U15 and U18 Hockey program. We will start with physical distancing skill and skate evaluations. Our goal is every player will get a minimum two skill and skate evaluations. You could see player movement at this time between groups allowed by the physical distancing. After the skill and skate evaluations are finished, we will move into Cohort groups. These groups do not necessarily represent the final teams. It is in the "cohorts" that we can begin to have games and it also allows us to separate out the players wishing to play contact or non contact. Once we have had time to evaluate the players in the game situations (as well as practice drills) we can look at moving players from different cohort groups. This is where the rules have changed, if you are moving from one cohort to another cohort the player would potentially need to self isolate for 14 days. We want to limit the amount of transfers between cohorts so we do not disrupt the hockey season for the players.

The evaluation process:

1. We will be using the tier at which a player played at last year to put them into their first skill and skate evaluation group.
2. Players will have a minimum of two skill and skate evaluations. Movement between groups will happen. Please watch the KC Hockey websites for your players next ice time.
3. Players will be moved into cohort groups and begin playing mini games and drills to be evaluated further.
4. As we move into the "mini game" season which will be played within our organization teams will be comprised of 9-12 players. Please note these do not necessarily represent the final evaluation and team placement of your player.
5. As we move through the month of October player movement will slow and team finalization will happen.

We realize this is not how evaluations have been done in the past, but we needed to make changes that allowed for the safety of the player and a fair evaluation process. We look forward to the 2020-21 season.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for the hours of work to make this season work. Players and parents, we appreciate your patience through this process.

Thank you,

Marc Aubee  
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KC Sabres Hockey