

KC Sabres Evaluation Process

At KC Sabres Hockey, we understand that evaluations can be an exciting and stressful time for players and families. To provide transparency of the evaluation process, we have outlined the important details in respect to the evaluation process as follows:

- Evaluations are based on controlled scrimmages and players/goalies are assessed on the following criteria:
 - Skating
 - Puck Control/Rebound Control and Save Ability
 - Passing and Shooting/Tracking and Puck Handling
 - Hockey IQ/Positioning
 - Competitiveness
- In addition to the controlled scrimmages, there is a separate session for goaltenders to be assessed on the following criteria:
 - Skating and Mobility
 - Positioning and Angles
 - Save Execution and Rebound Control
 - Puck Handling and Intangibles
- Evaluations are conducted by independent third-party evaluators and players are identified only by assigned jersey numbers which changes each session to maintain Impartiality.
- Live scores are being entered and tracked by the use of TeamGenius by the evaluators during the sessions via smart phone and/or tablet, which is only accessible by the KC Sabres Directors and President.
- Player movement between groups is a normal part of the evaluation process to ensure that players are placed in suitable positions for their development and competitive level.
- Players registered for body contact does **not** guarantee placement on a body contact group or team. Players may be moved to a non-body contact group or team if it is determined to be the best fit for their development and competitive level.
- Players with previous elite hockey experience and/or participated in elite stream tryouts does **not** guarantee placement on a top-tier team. All players are evaluated equally through the same evaluation process.
- Following evaluations, players will be placed on preliminary teams/groupings based on the observations and their evaluation results by independent third-party evaluators. Practices and/or parity games may be used to further assess placement to ensure players are rostered at the level best suited to their development and competitive ability. **Please note that roster adjustments may occur during the final review process.**

Once the teams are finalized, our team of coaches will focus on player development and teamwork throughout the season to assist the players to achieve their personal and team goals, but most importantly create a positive hockey experience for all players and families.