



MCHC 2025-2026 Evaluation Procedures:

Purpose: The goal of the MCHC 2025-26 Player Evaluation Process is to separate athletes onto teams with the intent of promoting athlete development while enhancing organizational development across all playing levels.

Personnel: The Evaluation Team will consist of the Hockey Director and the Hockey Committee. The Director and Committee may bring additional evaluators into the process at their discretion. The Director and Committee may seek historical context from previous coaches if it is deemed necessary.

Dates and Times: All teams with a playing classification of Squirt or 10U girls and higher that require evaluations will be held the first week of October in accordance with the MCHC's Standardized Hockey Dates. 8U Evaluations will be held the third week of November. Additional information and times can be found at wcoilers.com.

On-Ice Format: The evaluations will consist of a mix of technical drills, environmental drills, and scrimmage play to allow all athletes strengths and weaknesses to be showcased.

Building Access: Player Evaluations will be open to the public. Spectators will be permitted in the following areas: The Ice Arena Mezzanine and The Hansen Arena bleachers. Spectators will not be permitted in the following areas: The Ice Arena Club Room, The Locker Rooms (Exemptions for qualified personnel assisting athletes), Player Benches, The Hansen Arena Ice Level, and any Elevated Viewing Areas. In the event the Evaluation Team is occupying open space to observe from different viewing angles, please refrain from interrupting them.

Attendance: All athletes are expected to participate in evaluations. The Standardized Hockey Dates were set to promote an even playing field for evaluations with all athletes being held to the same standards. The MCHC understands that in rare cases a situation may arise that requires exemption to this standard. In the event one of these cases should arise, reach out to the MCHC BOD and Director so that the situation can be assessed and an appropriate remedy applied.

Playing out of Classification: Athletes intending on playing out of their NDAHA playing classification must adhere to the MCHC play-up policy. Details can be found here: [McKenzie County Hockey Club | Player Movement](#)

Duties of Evaluators: The evaluation team is expected to observe, and deliberate athlete performances during evaluations to determine the MCHC playing rosters for the season. The evaluation team will be enabled to use the following methods when observing and deliberating athlete placement: Individual assessment, group assessment, and video assessment. In the event that the evaluation team needs additional information they are permitted to seek



information from qualified personnel within the association. Evaluators are expected to be knowledgeable with the rules and regulations of all entities that govern the club including but not limited to: USA Hockey, Northern Plains Hockey, the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association, and the McKenzie County Hockey Club.

Reporting Timeframe: Within 72 hours of the conclusion of evaluations, the Evaluation Team will present to the MCHC BOD for ratification. The BOD will have 48 hours to review and ratify the evaluation results. Results will be made available to membership without delay at the conclusion of the ratification process.

Conflict of Interest: The Hockey Director and Hockey Committee will select evaluators, solicit feedback and deliberate in a manner that mitigates conflicts of interest. In the event the Evaluation Panel feels that it has been compromised, it can remove a member from that conflict with a vote of 50% of its members or higher. To ensure best practices have been followed, the Evaluation Panel must submit the athlete placements and team compositions to the MCHC BOD for ratification.