

## ***SHEDIAC/CAP-PELÉ MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION***



### **POLICY ON PROVINCIAL TRYOUTS**

#### **Registration**

- All players must be registered with the Shediac Cap-Pelé Minor Hockey Association before being allowed on the ice. This is an insurance requirement.
- All players must register online, a link will be provided
- ALL players who wish to play on our provincial hockey teams MUST attend provincial tryouts to be eligible to play for the provincial team. In the event that a player cannot participate in tryouts due to an injury or may not be cleared to play, confirmation of the injury must be provided by a health care practitioner. The SHCPMA executive will evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.
- In the case where there are multiple provincial teams (i.e. AA/A & B). All players must try out for the top provincial team first. Once this team has been selected and all cuts have been made, the next provincial team will begin its tryouts. Players cannot tryout only for the lowest team.
- All players shall be required to pay \$60 for tryouts, no exceptions, and no refunds, regardless of length of time at tryouts. These costs are used to cover costs of ice, evaluator costs as well as processing and insurances

#### **Objective**

Our goal is to provide a fair, consistent, and comprehensive evaluation of each player participating in tryouts.

## **Provincial Teams**

1. The number of provincial teams at a specific level and their designation (AA, A & B) will be determined based on a few factors:
  - a. Registration Numbers at the level: Our association subscribes to the guidelines of the HNB Provincial Program.
  - b. Recommendations of the provincial coaching staff, independent evaluators under the ratification of the SHCPMHA executive and the direction of HNB. Decisions will be based on the legitimacy of the decision based on the overall talent pool of the division and the implications that will have on the greater aspects of that division. Decisions of this nature will not be made in the interests of a few, our association will look at the impact on decisions and the effects of these decisions on the majority of players, at all levels. Those decisions will be final.
2. The number of players on a provincial team will be pre-approved by the SHCPMHA Executive based on the several factors and criteria, including levels of skill and proficiency at the level, the number of players in the division, the positional resources of the division. All decisions made by the executive will come after consultation with the independent evaluators and will take into account balance across the entire division for both provincial and recreational teams.

## **Guidelines**

- a) All players will participate in on-ice sessions designed to assess their skills and understanding of the game.
- b) Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of two on-ice sessions.
- c) To the extent possible, the anonymity of the players will be protected during the process to avoid influencing the evaluators.
- d) Assessments and ranking of players will remain confidential and will not be shared with the public.
- e) Coaches of competitive teams will be assigned after the evaluation process is completed.

## **Coach Selection**

All coaches applying for a competitive team will be interviewed by at least 2 SHCPMHA executive members. From the results of these interviews a ranked list will be created and this list will be used for the coach selection.

## **Evaluators**

1. Evaluators are independent, meaning they are not currently affiliated with the SHCPMHA.
2. The SHCPMHA chooses evaluators.
3. Evaluators are chosen based on several criteria and ultimately have strong hockey backgrounds and the ability to make sound and rational hockey evaluations in a tryout scenario. It is the goal of the SHCPMHA executive to provide our association with the best possible and unbiased and independent evaluators that are currently available.
4. Evaluator's decisions are considered expert decisions but all decisions of this nature are subjective. Evaluators have been given general expectations and requirements in evaluating and making player selection decisions.

## **Evaluator Guidelines**

Generally, the evaluators should

- Review the evaluation criteria prior to the process to ensure that all evaluators are evaluating the same skill with the same intent
- Stay separate from the spectators/parents during the entire on-ice process
- Make sure that all evaluators have the same evaluation page with the same jersey numbers and colors
- Evaluation documents should be gathered by the SHCPMHA representative at the completion of each ice session
- Do not share your comments or opinions with any players/ parents or other interested observers
- Refer questions, comments or complaints that you may receive to the SHCPMHA representative.

## **Tryout Process**

1. Tryouts will consist of up to 4 sessions.
2. All sessions will consist of independent evaluation sessions where cuts will be made by the independent evaluators only.
3. Coaches candidates will not be allowed access to the independent evaluators before and during the evaluation sessions.
4. During the evaluation session there will be no other individuals in the evaluation room other than the evaluators and the designated member of the SHCP Minor Hockey executive.
5. Tryouts will consist of on-ice skating sessions evaluating various aspects of skills. There will also be the potential for exhibition games, scrimmages and other game simulation.
6. Those cut from the AA/A team will funnel into the B level ice sessions
7. All evaluation sessions will be double-blinded sessions. This means that no evaluators will have any names of players trying out. Each evaluator will have a list with the position, color jersey and number jersey and that is all. All players will be assigned a numbered and colored jersey and will have no recognizable features other than that. This process is put in place to try and remove potential bias from the evaluators.
8. Members of the executive will have the master lists that will be used to cross reference decisions as they are made. Final roster will be sent by email 2 hours or more after the final tryout session.

## **Player Evaluation**

### **General Overview of the Skills to Play the Game**

**Skating**

**Passing**

**Puck Control**

**Shooting**

**Positional Play**

**Checking**

**Goalie Evaluation :**

**Angles**

**Rebound Control**

**Pivots**

**Movements**

**Tracking**

**Balance**