



## Single Letter Selection Process for the Hudson/Rigaud/St. Lazare Minor Hockey Association (AHMHRs)

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Dear valued association members,

As part of our evaluation process, the Hudson/Rigaud/St. Lazare Minor Hockey Association, AHMHRs, is committed to ensuring transparency and fairness in the selection of players for single letter teams.

This document covers the process for the M11, M13, M15, M18, and M21 levels.

### Phase 1- Start Up

As per Hockey Quebec regulations, no evaluations are to take place before Labor Day.

Players start in groups based on where they played the previous season.

The evaluators, as much as possible, shall be persons who do not have a child or family member who is subject to being evaluated.

An exception will be made if there is a lack of volunteer evaluators and the association has no choice but to use evaluators who may have a child or family member on the ice.

There is no fixed number of evaluators, however AHMHRs always aims for at least 3-5.

All evaluations shall be entered in the evaluation app, *SkillShark*. The app will consolidate all evaluations and generate a ranking of the players being evaluated.

### Phase 2 - Double Letter Evaluation

The first week (3 sessions) will be internal to determine which players go to double letter camp.

- The first 2 tryouts will be a blend of drills and a game.
- The 3rd tryout will be predominantly a game.
- M15 & M18 may prefer to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tryout be predominantly a game

Once players are selected for double letter camp, the remaining players will be reseeded in groups based on the evaluations processed up to that point.

### Phase 3 - Single Letter Evaluation

To ensure maximum **fun & inclusion**, groups from this moment forward will be split based on ability. The objective is to not have a player outside of their element.

- The number of groups is dependent on number of players, typically between 1 to 3.
- Each tryout for the remainder of the Single Letter phase shall be a blend of drills, followed by a game.
- Over the course of the evaluation process, players may move into different groups, depending on their evaluation.

As players are cut from the double letter camp, they will return to single letter tryouts and be placed in the group best suited to their ability

### Phase 4- Single Letter Team Creation

The first level for selection will be the highest level, typically “A”.

- The coordinator, along with the Director of the level, will cross reference the evaluations up to that point against the list of candidates for head coach.
- The head coach(es) must, as much as possible, come from a player who is in the top half of players evaluated in the strongest remaining group.

If the head coach(es) would like to deviate from the rankings for the last 2 spots, they can select as far back as the **next 2** in the rankings.

**Example:** If there are 20 players needed for a level, no player exceeding ranking 22 may be selected.

Once the players for the highest level have been selected, the process repeats itself for the next highest level, until all players have been placed in a level.

- For levels with more than 1 team, the head coaches shall hold a **snake style draft** to create the teams.
- Once all teams are created, there shall be 2 equalizing games to ensure parity. The Director or Coordinator of the level shall be present.

If teams are equal and the coaches agree, the teams are now officially set.

If after the 2 games it is deemed the teams are not fair, the head coaches must adjust. If an agreement cannot be made, the Director of the level will determine the changes to ensure parity.

We hope this document provides you with answers to any questions you may have regarding our Single Letter selection/evaluation process.

**Sincerely,**

The Board of Directors, AHMHRs

**Note:** This document is intended as a general guideline only. Adjustments may be made to reflect the unique circumstances of each tryout year and level. In addition, this document is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute a legal document.