



Double 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 double letter teams.

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

Phase 1 - Start Up

As per Hockey Quebec regulations, no evaluations are to take place before Labour 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- Initial Evaluation - HRS players only

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 2nd and 3rd tryout be predominantly a game

All players in all groups will be evaluated to ensure everyone receives an evaluation for the double letter camp.

Phase 3- Double Letter Camp Structure – Players from Merged Associations

The first weekend of DL camp will be to determine the split for the weekend after. As in, who goes to **AA** camp, and who goes to **BB** camp.

If a player is cut from the AA tryout, a spot on the BB team is not guaranteed. The player must equally try out for the BB team.

Cuts can be made after the first weekend.

- The first weekend will be 2 intramural games to determine the seeding.
- The second weekend shall be 2 exhibition games against a neighboring association.

From these 4 hours, the **AA** and **BB** teams shall be made.

If the level only has **AA** and no **BB**, then the first week of double letter camp is used immediately to make cuts directly to single letters.

Phase 4 - Double Letter Team Creation

Once camp starts, the evaluations transition to a team of the following:

- 1 evaluator per association
- 2 external evaluators

The external evaluators will be there to provide professional, unbiased evaluations, settle disputes, and determine tie breakers for players who are on the bubble.

If a head coach has been selected for a double letter team, he/she has the right to be included in the decision for the final 2 spots on the team.

If the head coach 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 15 players needed for the team, no player exceeding ranking 17 may be selected

All double letter teams are comprised of the most qualified players, regardless of their home association. There is no obligation to adhere to any ratio. The most qualified players will make the team.

Selection Criteria for Double Letter Camp

- In levels with both an **AA** and **BB** team, the total number of players to send from all merged associations is **40 (+/-)**
- In levels with AA only, the number of players sent from all merged associations is **22 (+/-)**

The number of players selected from each association to go to the double letter camp is based on a percentage of total players registered between the merged associations.

Example: If at M11, the combined registrations of 3 associations is 150 players, and our association accounts for 100 of those players, then we will send 66% of the players to double letter camp. This would equate to 26 players.

Each association reserves the right to:

- Send less if they do not feel they have enough players to fulfill their obligation.
- Send an extra player to the double letter camp if they feel they cannot decide between 2 players for the final spot.

We hope this document provides you with answers to any questions you may have regarding our Double 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.