

## **Evaluations 2025**

## **Game Play Evaluation Categories and Description**

## **Skaters**

Ring Control (including shooting/scoring) Offensive IQ: passing/receiving, ring protection, accuracy, strength (shot and pass). Are they consistent, at tempo and under pressure? Is Athlete a threat to score or create scoring opportunities? Do they drive to the scoring areas? Do they take quality shots? Do they keep their feet moving with the ring, head up? Are they difficult to check off the ring? Without the ring are they getting in a supporting position, ready to attack?

**Defensive Play/ Game sense/ Aggressiveness:** Do they try to defend? When they do, are they successful? In control of their stick & body? Do they forecheck/backcheck when appropriate? Good body position? Do they win ring battles? Are they engaged in the play? Do they make smart decisions with and without the ring? Are they working hard and have intensity to their play? Do they demonstrate awareness and anticipatory skills?

**Skating:** Forward/backward strides, power, agility, balance, speed, change of direction.

## Goaltenders

**Skating & Movement:** Power, agility, balance, speed. Are they able to move around the crease quickly as needed? How quickly do they recover?

**Positioning:** Do they face and follow the play? Do they challenge/ are they aggressive? How well do they track and maintain position relative to the play? Are they staying near the top of their crease? Are they in a ready stance at the right time? Is their stick on the ice?

**Saves Selection & Rebounds:** When in good position, does the athlete make the saves you would expect them to make? Do they control rebounds either in the crease or to a safe space outside the crease?

**Distribution:** Does this athlete make smart passes? Are they quick, accurate, strong? Are they in front of the skater (lead passes)? Does the goalie know to keep the ring when there is no one available to throw to?

**Game Sense**: Are they engaged/ focused on the play? Do they communicate with their teammates? (e.g., shot clock, verbal) Do they understand the flow of the game? (e.g., Do they know when there's potential for a cross-crease pass/ predicting the play appropriately?) Do they demonstrate emotional management after a goal?