



## **SOUTH EAST FEMALE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EVALUATION POLICY**

### **U11, U13, U15 and U18 Fury Competitive Hockey**

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### **WELCOME TO THE 2026/2027 SEASON!**

The South East Female Hockey Association's goal during the entire evaluation process is to create a positive experience for everyone involved. It can be a stressful time for players and families, so please become familiar with the information below to answer most of your questions.

SEFHA offers highly competitive levels of hockey under the **Fury** banner, including "AAA" and "AA" tiers. With these competitive opportunities, it is imperative for families to prepare for all possible outcomes. Building unrealistic expectations prior to the process can have undesirable effects and spoil what could be a positive year for the player.

It is SEFHA's objective during evaluations to provide a fair and unbiased process to assess a player's hockey skills and to ensure players are placed on a team that is appropriate to their skill levels as noted during the tryout sessions. It is important to remember that placement is not guaranteed from one season to another. Players grow, develop skills, and develop new interests throughout the off-season. A player or parent should never assume placement prior to or during evaluations.

To ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible, the following procedures **MUST** be adhered to:

- **Inquiries:** Any inquiries during and after the evaluations must be addressed directly to the SEFHA Competitive Directors via the official channels designated on the [SEFHA Website](#).
- **Communication Rules:** No coach, evaluator, coordinator, or Board member will entertain any personal questions or complaints relating to individual players.
- **24-Hour Rule:** Emails will be accepted after 24 hours have passed from the time of a placement posting. Should you email regarding the placement of your child within the 24-hour window, your inquiry will not be heard. No phone calls will be accepted.
- **Zero Tolerance:** Harassing or threatening communication will not be tolerated and may be reported to the SEFHA Director of Discipline for review and actioned accordingly. Please respect the time of the volunteers and professionals dedicating hundreds of hours to ice competitive teams.
- **No Interaction:** Evaluators will have no parent or player interaction prior to, during, or following the evaluation sessions. Parents are not to interact with Evaluators under any circumstance regarding the tryout process.
- **Tryout fees** are **Non-Refundable** once a player has attended a session.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR FURY COMPETITIVE HOCKEY

Hockey is a team sport, and coaches and teammates expect that all parents and players will be committed to their respective hockey team. Our coaches strive to deliver a program that provides an opportunity for all players to develop. For this to happen, we expect players to attend all practices and all other team-sanctioned events, such as dryland training, exhibition games, and additional development sessions. Players who regularly miss sessions miss out on development opportunities, which could lead to the potential for reduced playing time during games.

The **SEFHA Fury program** represents the highest levels of competitive female hockey in our association, bringing together talented, dedicated athletes committed to a "Play to Compete" framework.

Please keep in mind the following:

- **Schedule:** Fury teams typically have 1–2 practices per week, plus the possibility of dryland training and/or other additional ice sessions.
- **Games:** Competitive teams may have multiple games per week; the majority of competitive games will be held on weekends.
- **Travel:** Travel for league games at competitive levels should be expected across regional leagues.
- **Financial and Fundraising Requirements:** AA and AAA teams will have additional fundraising and financial requirements. Any parent who does not contribute to the team's financially agreed-upon objectives or fundraising efforts risk having their child's playing privileges revoked.
- **Opt-Out:** If at any time during the evaluation process you or your player determine you are not prepared to commit to competitive hockey, please advise the competitive coordinator immediately to allow another player the opportunity.

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## EVALUATION PROCESS & FORMAT

1. **Objective:** The evaluation process evaluates the fundamental skillset of a player and gives each player an opportunity to display these skills in game situations.
2. The evaluators are qualified individuals appointed by the Competitive Directors.
3. The **GOAL** of the evaluation process is to determine the best level where each player should play. The Competitive Directors reserve the right to change the format of the evaluation process at any time in order to gather further information that will aid in the selection process. E.g. changing a session from 4 vs 4 to 5 vs 5 or half ice versus full ice.
4. **Structure:** Tryouts are held at local facilities such as the [J.-Louis-Lévesque Arena](#). Sessions consist of competitive games where the following is evaluated:

### PLAYERS

SKATING – forward, backward, speed, power, edges, pivots, lateral movement.

PUCK SKILLS – passing, stickhandling, control, possession, shooting

COMPETE LEVEL / WORK ETHIC

HOCKEY IQ – Vision, In-game awareness, positioning, play without puck, use of teammates, decision-making, spatial gapping.

### GOALTENDER

STANCE

SKATING – Mobility, Agility, Technique

REBOUND CONTROL

TRACKING

IN-GAME AWARENESS

5. Competitive Directors reserve the right to add on additional evaluation sessions to gain further information on players for team selections, if necessary. E.g, adding an additional Red/white game if deemed necessary.
6. **Jersey Assignment:** At the first session, each player will be assigned a specific numbered jersey that belongs to them for the duration of the evaluations. Evaluators identify players strictly by number. Jerseys must be returned at the conclusion of tryouts.
7. **Rink Access:** Parents are NOT to frequent the dressing room tunnel area. Please feel free to escort your daughter to their dressing room if needed but depart once they have found their room. If your daughter requires assistance with their equipment, please do so and then depart with as little disruption as possible.
8. Due to the number of participants and the confidential nature of the evaluation process, SEFHA is unable to provide individual evaluator scores, rankings or detailed player feedback. General questions about the evaluation process may be submitted to the Competitive Directors after the 24-hour waiting period.
9. **Scores** will not be released to players or parents.
10. Determining the exact time and day of when placements are released is impossible. SEFHA assures Members that the association will do their best to release placements in a timely manner and at an appropriate time.
11. At U11AA, players will be evaluated primarily on overall hockey ability rather than the position selected at registration. Final roster construction may also consider the need to create a safe, balanced and functional team.

## 12. EVALUATOR GUIDELINES

- Evaluators are responsible for ensuring data integrity and consistency throughout the evaluation process.
  - Evaluators will use a software system to record player scores during the evaluation process. All evaluators will be trained in how to properly use the designated scoring system.
  - Evaluators will have no parent or player interaction prior, during or following the evaluation session.
  - Each session will have a minimum of four (4) evaluators (except for unforeseen circumstances). Evaluators will remain for the entire ice session.
  - Goalies are being evaluated by the lead Goalie Evaluator and goalie assistants. Goalies will be evaluated at all ice sessions.
  - All player ratings and scores are confidential within the Evaluation Committee and Evaluation Team. There will be no disclosure of a player's rating, scores or placement.
  - Player groups, regroupings, or sorting will only be posted to the website after Competitive Directors have approved the list to be posted.
  - Evaluators are observing and assessing players' skills and performance displayed during ALL the on-ice sessions.
  - Evaluators are not provided with players' names, are not to share opinions and are not provided with the other evaluators' scores.
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## ABSENCES AND INJURIES

It is our expectation that all players attend all tryout sessions. If a player misses all or part of the tryout process due to injury or emergency, the case will be reviewed by the Competitive Directors. At the discretion of the Competitive Directors, the missing player may be evaluated using verified qualitative factors:

- Where the player played last season.
- Verified feedback regarding skill level, development, and commitment from the prior season's coaches.
- **Unexcused Absences:** If a player misses a scheduled session without prior approval, they will receive a score of '0' for that session, which will be used in the final scoring.
- In all, a complete effort for fairness of all involved is the goal.
- Injured players must be able to return to play by Dec. 1st to be placed on a competitive team.



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## **FINAL NOTE**

- Tryouts can be both exciting and stressful, and we are committed to providing a fair, transparent, and respectful environment for everyone involved.
- We ask all families to please keep the following in mind:
- The Process: Evaluations are conducted by independent evaluators and coaches using a consistent set of criteria. Every player will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, effort, and attitude.
- Respect for All Players: Each child is working hard and deserves encouragement and support, regardless of the outcome.
- We understand that emotions can run high during tryouts, but we are confident that by working together, we can provide a positive experience for all players. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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