

2017/18 NWCAA Evaluation Timelines and Process

Objective

The NWCAA recognizes the Elite Hockey evaluation process can be a difficult and stressful time for both the aspiring athletes and their families so we ask for everyone's support in creating as positive of an environment as possible. The NWCAA has created this document to outline the evaluation timelines and processes for the NWCAA Bantam, Minor Midget and Major Midget AA/AAA divisions so we please ask you to familiarize yourself with this information. We also ask you to take the time to have a direct conversation with your aspiring elite hockey athlete on the broad range of realistic outcomes of the evaluation process. A realistic perspective and expectation of the NWCAA evaluation process will significantly contribute to making this as positive of an experience as possible.

Guiding Principles & Big Rules

1. At no time shall a parent or guardian approach or contact any of coaches regarding evaluations. If a coach requires contact with a parent or guardian they will be contacted by a NWCAA Representative or Team Coordinator.
2. All questions shall be directed to NWCAA Representative or Team Coordinator which will be present at all evaluations. We also ask that if the matter is sensitive or emotional in nature you please observe the 24-hour rule.
3. Abusive, harassing and non-constructive conversations, emails or phone calls ***will not be*** tolerated under any circumstance. The NWCAA Executive will swiftly react to these situations and resulting outcomes/decisions will be final.
4. During evaluations, it is expected all players will show respect for each other. If a player shows lack of respect or is found to be bullying any other player this also ***will not be*** tolerated and the NWCAA Executive will again swiftly react and resulting outcomes/decisions will be final. *We always have the safety and well-being of the players as our priority!*
5. Coaches can and will speak to aspiring players directly without parent or guardian notification.
6. Coaches will be present on the benches for every game.
7. Trainers will also be present at each ice time.
8. Parents, guardians and siblings are not allowed in the dressing rooms. If you are required a NWCAA Representative will come and find you.
9. It is your (player, parent, guardian) responsibility to check the NWCAA website daily during the evaluation process as we do not send emails or contact you by phone.
10. Full equipment is required including mouth guards and neck guards.
11. Players are selected exclusively by the respective coaching staffs and are final.
12. In event of an injury please notify the on-site NWCAA Representative as soon as possible or via email if not possible at the time. If the player is unable to continue tryouts, the coaching staff has the sole discretion as to whether the injured player will be selected for the final roster.

Bantam AA/AAA Timelines and Processes

- August 26 – tryouts for all Bantam aged goalies and 2004 born players.
- August 27 – tryouts for all eligible Bantam aged players.
- August 30 – First release of Bantam aged players. Rosters will be updated on the NWCAA website.
- August 31 – games played based on published rosters. Please check the NWCAA website daily.
- September 1 – games played based on published rosters and there will be three games which one is designated as the Red/White game for Bantam AAA draft purposes.
- September 2 and onwards – the Bantam draft will take place. The Bantam AAA tryout roster will be set and as will the Bantam AA tryout rosters. All the Bantam tryout rosters will be posted on the NWCAA website with associated ice times.
- If your player is not drafted to a Bantam tryout team they need to report to their home/community associations.
- Post the initial draft, players can be released at any time and should report to their home/community associations.
- Final release date as mandated by Hockey Calgary is September 22. The NWCAA will have their final rosters set prior to this date.

Minor Midget Timelines and Process

- August 27 – tryouts for all Minor Midget aged goalies.
- August 28 – tryouts for all Minor Midget aged players and goalies. Note that anytime post August 28 a Minor Midget aged player or goalie can be moved to the Major Midget group during evaluations.
- August 31 – first release of Minor Midget aged players and goalies.
- If your player is not drafted to a Minor Midget tryout team they need to report to their /community associations.
- September 1 and onwards – evaluations continue with published rosters.
- Post the initial draft, players can be released at any time and should report to their home/community associations.
- Final release date as mandated by Hockey Calgary is September 25. The NWCAA will have their final rosters set prior to this date.

Major Midget AA/AAA Timelines and Processes

- September 2 – tryouts for all Major Midget aged goalies.
- September 3 – tryouts for all Major Midget AA/AAA aged players.
- September 6 – first release of Major Midget aged players and goalies.

- If your player is not drafted to a Minor Midget tryout team they need to report to their /community associations.
- September 7 – Major Midget evaluations continue with published rosters
- September 8 & 9 – Major Midget Red & White games.
- September 9 and onwards – the Midget draft will take place. The Major Midget AAA tryout roster will be set as will the Major Midget AA. All the Major Midget tryout rosters will be posted on the NWCAA website with associated ice times.
- If your player is not drafted to a Major Midget tryout team they need to report to their home/community associations.
- Post the initial draft, players can be released at any time and should report to their home/community associations.
- As mandated by Hockey Calgary, Elite Hockey Associations must reduce to 63 players by September 18 for Major Midget AA and AAA. The final release date for all Midget players is September 25. The NWCAA will have their final rosters set prior to this date.
- Major Midget AAA shall consist of 20 players and Major Midget AA shall be 19 players.

Regards

NWCAA Board