

Who evaluates our players and what is the process of assigning them to teams?

Good question. I get a lot of questions similar like this from year to year, especially from disappointed people.

First off, we utilize local coaches and hockey people to help us run our placements. Some are used to actually run the drills on the ice, and others are used in the stands evaluating. On certain occasions we ask them to do both, or a combination. At the very least, however, we have at least 6-10 people involved in the evaluation process.

Once the evaluations are done, all evaluators who have taken part are gathered in a room and we go down the list of kids one by one. All evaluators give their opinion on which team each child belongs on, and we begin to assign the unanimous choices to teams. As the list goes along, it obviously narrows to the point where discussion often revolves around a group of a few kids for a few spots. The Operation's Manager takes down all of the notes of the meeting, as well as the decisions that are made. The Ops. Manager votes only in instances where the evaluators are deadlocked, and does not appoint players to teams, contrary to popular belief.