



U11 Hybrid Goalie Policy

Didsbury Minor Hockey Association

Overview

The U11 'Hybrid Goalie' Policy allows registrants in the U11 age category to participate as both a skater and a goaltender. Hybrid Goalies will partake in an equal share of practices and games at the goaltender position alongside other Hybrid Goalie teammates. They are also permitted to dress as skaters when not scheduled to play as goaltenders.

Rationale

This formal policy is implemented for the following reasons:

1. Hockey Alberta U11 Player Pathway stipulates that U11 goaltenders have the opportunity to dress as skaters when not playing in goal.
2. Guidelines and criteria are necessary to ensure registrants with wide skill discrepancies between positions do not inappropriately impact the game.
3. Registrants transitioning from U9 to U11 may not be comfortable committing to the goaltender position at the beginning of the year, having never played in a full-ice environment before.
4. Current shortage of goaltenders in the U11 category across Hockey Alberta.
5. Current U11 goaltenders spend half of their games sitting on the bench.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, participants must be evaluated as both a goalie and a player, and at the end of evaluations, they will be ranked for the same team. If a participant does not qualify, they will be notified and asked to commit to being a full-time player or a full-time goalie for the upcoming season.

Hybrid Evaluation Procedure

1. All prospective Hybrid Goalies will undergo evaluations as both a Goaltender and a Skater for a minimum of 2 sessions at each position.
2. Goaltender evaluations will consist of a minimum of 1 Skills session and 1 Scrimmage session.
3. Player evaluations will consist of a minimum of 1 Skills session and 1 Scrimmage session.
4. After all evaluations, the Evaluation Committee will inform prospective Hybrid Goalies whether they meet the criteria and will be approved as a Hybrid Goalie for the season or must move to their designated position for the season.



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Team Placement

The Evaluation Committee will have sole discretion over Team Placement.

Each team will have a maximum of two goalies named to it, although multiple Hybrid goalies can share the role of one goalie. For examples:

Example Team 1

- Full-time goalie (50% of starts)
- Hybrid goalie (25% goalie, 75% player)
- Hybrid goalie (25% goalie, 75% player)

Example Team 2

- Hybrid goalie (50% goalie, 50% player)
- Hybrid goalie (50% goalie, 50% player)

As examples of the criteria, 6 participants are ranked by goalie evaluation in a scenario where there is an A team and a B team:

- Full time goalie (#1 goalie) named to A team, guaranteed 50% of starts
- Hybrid (#2 goalie) (ranked on A team as player) named to A team as Hybrid
- Hybrid (#3 goalie) (ranked on B team as player) named to B team as Hybrid
- Hybrid (#4 goalie) (ranked on A team as player) named to A team as player
- Full time goalie (#5 goalie) named to B team, guaranteed 50% of starts
- Hybrid (#6 goalie) (ranked on B team as player) named to B team as player

All questions or concerns can be directed to the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association President, Brent Feenstra by email at didsburyminorhockeypresident@gmail.com or by phone at (403) 507-3227.