ST. VITAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PLAYER EVALUATION PROCESS

2026-2027 Season

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Continuing in 2026!

Evaluation Process Improvements

Enhancements are a result of the review of activities and the integration of parent feedback to increase efficiency, fairness and communication.

- ✓ No ice times prior to Labour Day
- ✓ *Evaluation Process Parent Meeting* to be hosted to review the process in detail, highlight what's changing, and answer questions
- ✓ Increased clarity and transparency on the goaltender evaluation process

Our Complete evaluation process and policy paper is available on the website HERE

Skills Assessment Phase

- Testing station ice layout improvements for process efficiency
- Increased training for assessment facilitators

Scrimmage Assessment Phase

- Increased paid independent evaluators to ensure fair evaluation
- Increased training and guidelines for coach evaluators
- Goaltenders to be evaluated by dedicated goalie evaluators
- Evaluation scrimmages to take place concurrently to condense overall evaluation timeline
- Timeline adjustments to effectively integrate players released from AA/AAA
- Increased flexibility to advance players demonstrating advancement early in the scrimmage assessment process

Goaltender Evaluation Process Overview

Co-ed Program

Scrimmage Assessment Phase

- Like players, the Skills Assessment results will be used to place goaltenders into associated group levels for the scrimmage assessment
- Increase in the number of goaltender evaluators
- When there are more than 3 Goaltenders in a peer group, goalies will be evaluated by dedicated goaltender evaluators during the scrimmage assessment

Chill Program

Skills Assessment Phase

- Chill Goaltenders will attend a Technical Skills Assessment session if there are more than three registered in the age group

Scrimmage Assessment Phase

- Chill Goaltenders will be evaluated by trained evaluators during the scrimmage assessment

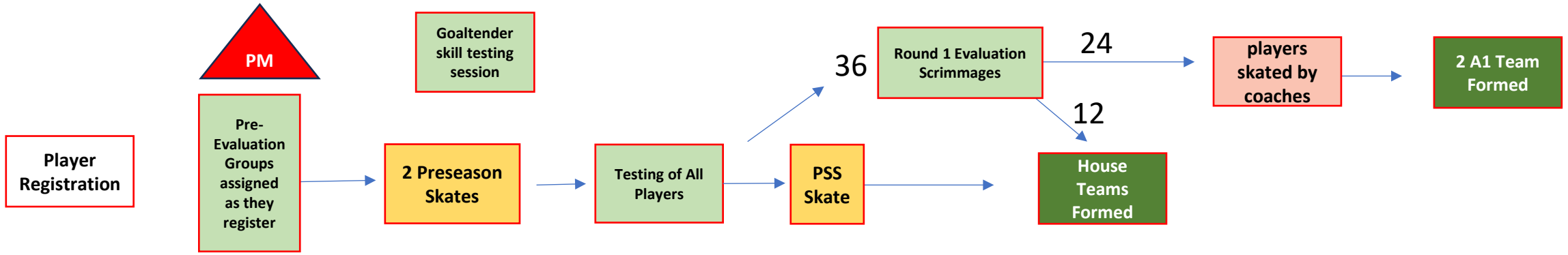
PROCESS & TIMELINES: CO-ED PROGRAM

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U9 Co-ed (approx. 91 skaters)

Players invited to Join selection process for A1 teams



Teams 2A1, and up to 8 House Teams

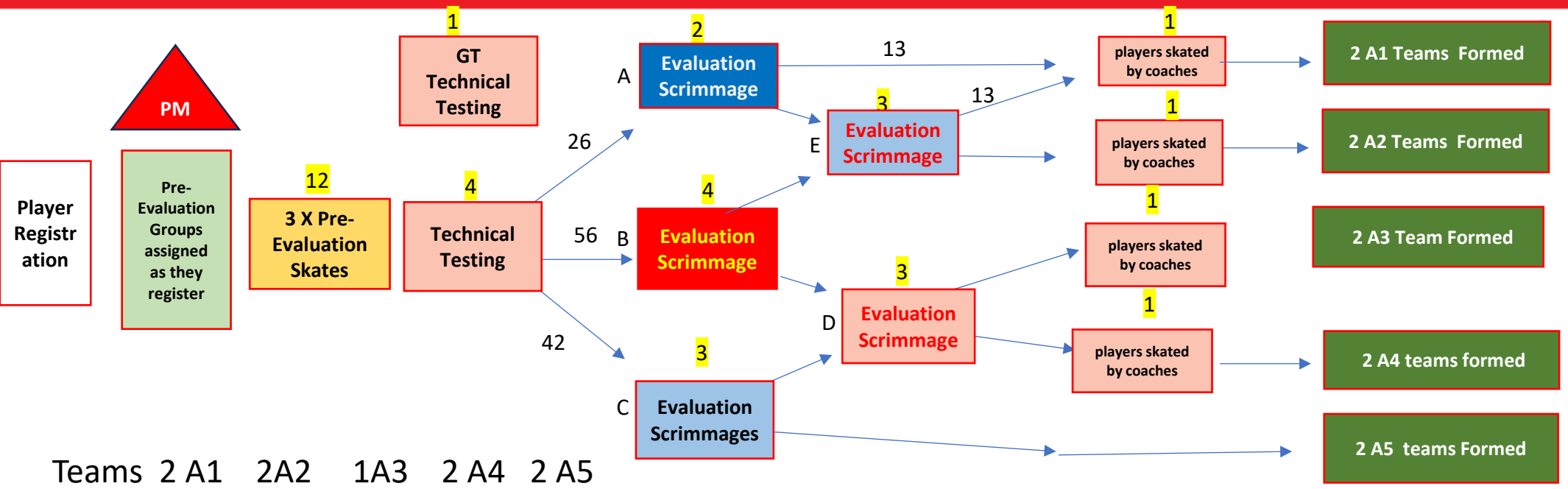
July 15th through Aug 15th	Posted BY Aug 18th Zoom Parent Meeting will be called	<u>Sept 12</u> Players will be separated into groups to undergo preseason skates <u>Sept 13</u> Goaltender testing	<u>Sept 19th</u> All Skaters will be tested <u>Sept 20</u> Last preseason skate for all players	<u>Sept 22 to 24</u> Top 36 Players will be placed onto 3 teams and play 2 games in an evaluation tournament. All Goaltenders play <u>Sept 26th</u> House league teams formed and team practices begin <u>Sept 26 and 27</u> Players selected to A1 teams skate with coaches to select teams	<u>Sept 27</u> Teams Formed A1

U11 Co-ed 125 Skaters

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9 teams 13 or 14 < SKATERS PER TEAM



Teams 2 A1 2A2 1A3 2 A4 2 A5

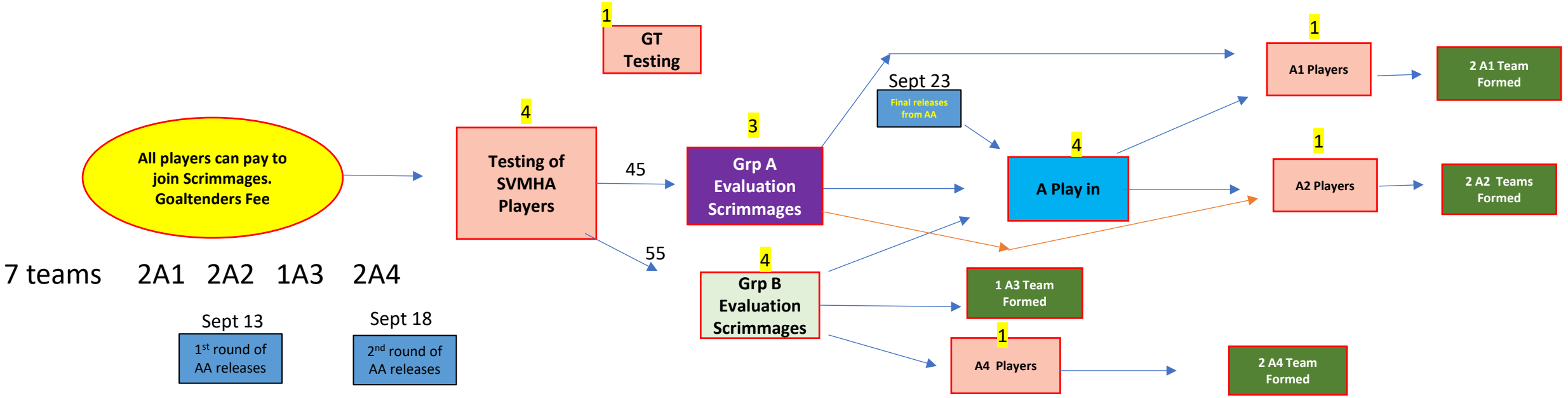
July 15th through Aug 15th	Posted BY Aug 18th Zoom Parent meeting will be held	<u>Sept 8 to 12</u> Players will be separated into groups to undergo three Skills sessions	<u>Sept 13th</u> Players will be assigned to a testing session. Goaltenders tested. Placed into Grps based on skills evaluation	<u>Sept 16 to 19</u> Players will be placed onto teams and play 2 games within their peer group Goaltenders will play eval games within their skill groups	Sept 23 to 27th Players will be Placed according to their evaluation over two games.	By Oct 2 Teams formed and assigned practice ice

U13 Co-ed 111 skaters

Est 100 to remain at A hockey (7 teams of 14 or 15 skaters)

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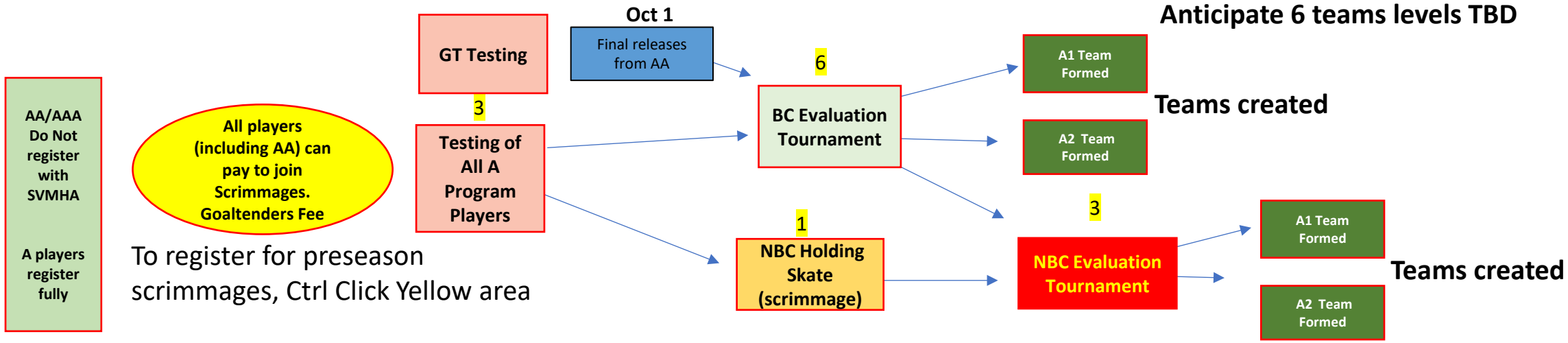
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July 15th	**Sept 1st – 20th**	**Sept 20th**	**Sept 22nd through Oct 1**	**Oct 4**
Registration opens through Aug 15th	All players can register for the preseason scrimmage package which will be offered by SVMHA. This is an extra cost beyond normal registration. Registration for Scrimmage package ends August 24th **Goaltenders free**	**Players tested on Sept 20th** **goaltenders Tested 20th** **Players placed In group according to their Skill testing**	Players placed In group according to their testing. A1 and A2 players play in Eval Play in tournament AA release join this tournamnet	Play in Tournament for A1 starts A4 team selected A3 players skate with coaches All teams are formed

U15 Co-ed 6 teams - 95 skaters

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To register for preseason scrimmages, Ctrl Click Yellow area

** Special Note See below

1st round of AA releases

2nd round of AA releases

July 1st

AA/AAA Registration Opens

July 15th to Aug 15th
A program registration

Sept 8 to Sept 24th

All players can register for the preseason scrimmage package which will be offered by SVMHA. This is an extra cost beyond normal registration.

Registration for Scrimmage package is August 24th

Preseason scrimmages will be Non-Body Contact

Sept 26

All players registered for the A program as well as players released in the first round of AA will be assigned to a skill testing session.

All goaltenders registered for A hockey will be tested.

Oct 2 to Ocy 4th

players from the skill testing sessions who have registered to play contact hockey will be placed on teams for a BC evaluation tournament.

Final releases from AA will play in the BC eval tournament

Teams built using results of Skill testing.

Oct 7th - Oct 16

IMPORTANT NOTES

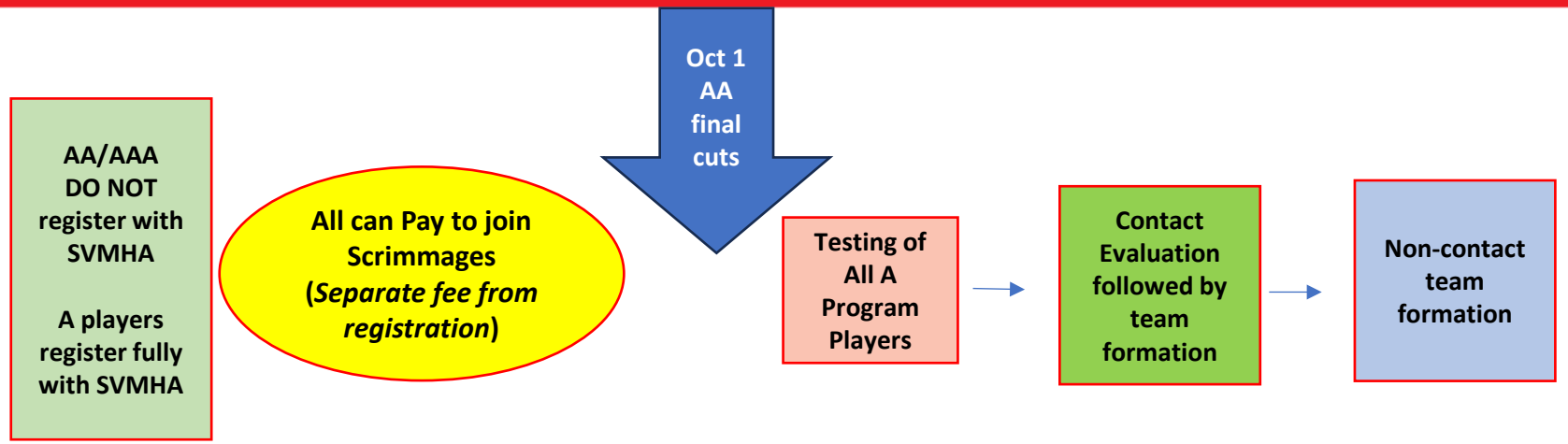
Hockey Winnipeg mandates that BC teams are formed completely prior to NBC teams. BC teams will be finalized after final releases from AA and the completion of the BC evaluation tournament. Players not making a BC team will be placed in the NBC evaluation tournament

All players must declare either BC or NBC during their registration. Registering for BC does not guarantee that your child will play BC hockey. The top 40% of the players will be on a BC team and the remaining 60% will play NBC.

It is very important that your child also registers for their preferred position (either defense or forward). We will take on preferred positions into account while forming teams.

U18 Co-ed

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Team Formation TBD

If you are interested in playing Contact, you must indicate this on your registration. Teams will be formed based on evaluations and number of registered players.

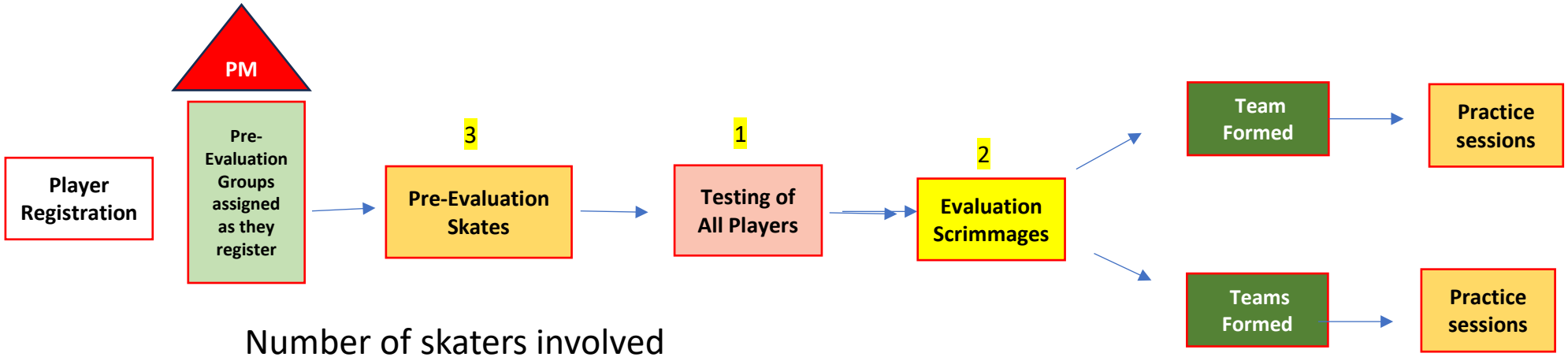
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July 1st	Sept 8 to Sept 28	Oct 3rd	Oct 3rd to 6th	Oct 13th
AA/AAA Registration open **A Hockey registration opens *July 15th*** **Sept 8 to Sept 28**	**All players wanting a preseason skate can register for the scrimmage package which will be offered by SVMHA** ***This is separate from A Hockey registration***	*Registration CLOSED 8pm Friday Oct 2nd* Players released from Highschool or AA need to register by ***8pm Oct 2nd***	All Players wishing to play Contact will be placed on teams for an evaluation tournament. Teams for this skate will be built using the results of Skill testing. All Goaltenders play Players , not selected to or not wanting to play Contact hockey	Oct 14th – SVMHA registers all teams with Hockey Winnipeg Oct 19th – SVMHA registers all rosters Hockey Winnipeg

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U9 Chill

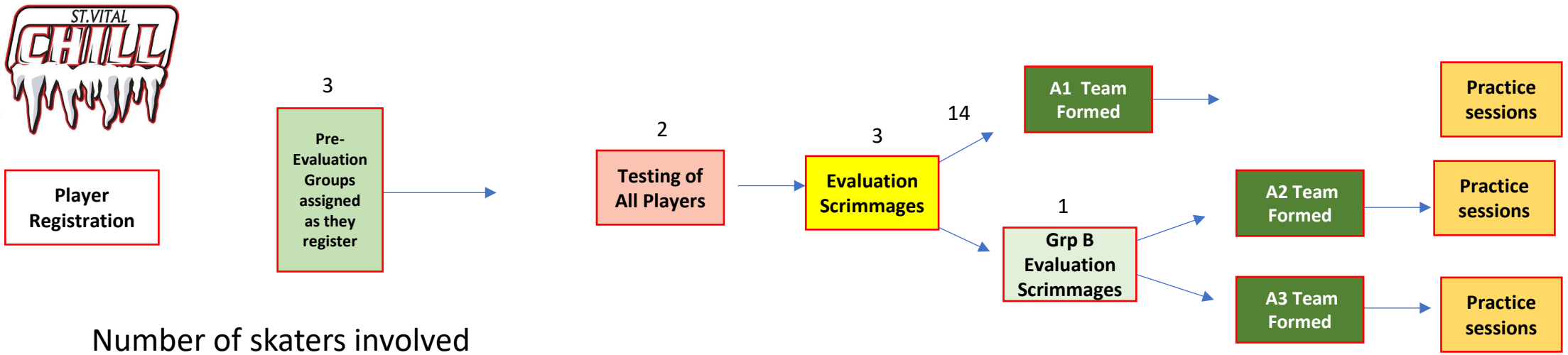


Number of skaters involved
Teams 1 A2 (or 1 A1 and 1 A2)

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July 15th through Aug 15th	Posted BY Aug 18th **Zoom Parent Meeting held**	**<u>Sept 12th to sept 16th</u>** **Players will participate in Preseason skill based skates**	**<u>Sept 20th</u>** **All Skaters will be tested** **If two teams need to be selected two equal teams formed**	**If required 2 games played.** **If not required cost of planned games moved to practices**

U11 Chill (approx. 36 skaters)



Number of skaters involved
3 Teams Level TBD

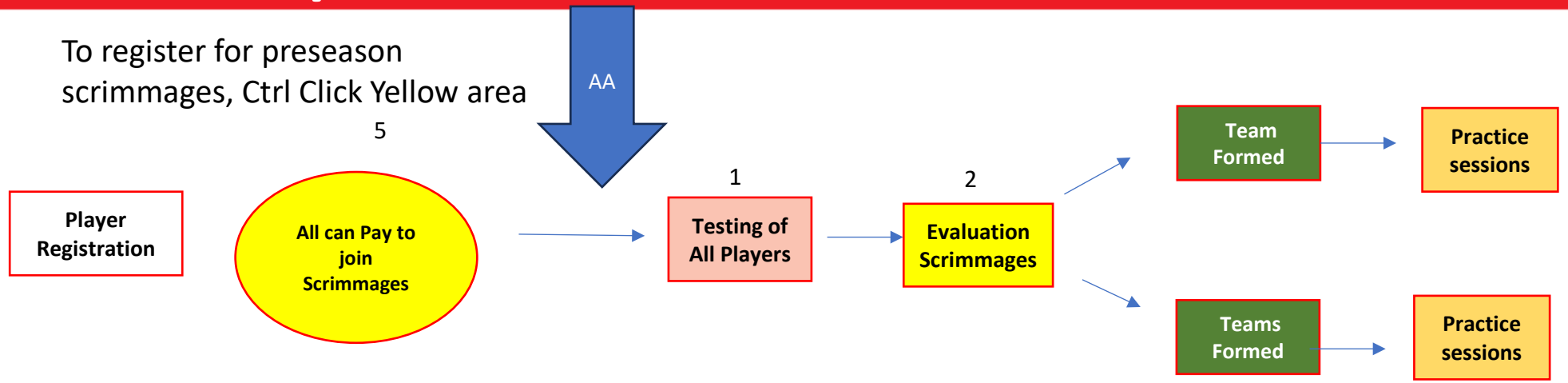
Possibly only 2 teams if the number of skaters remain below 39

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AA Registration opens July 1 **A hockey registration opens July 15th**	**Sept 4th** **All players placed onto Pre Season group for skill session**	**Sept 20th** **Players will be assigned to a testing session.**	**Sept 23rd and Sept 26th** **Players placed on 3 teams and play two games**	**Sept 26th** **If numbers onl allow two teams the Grp B evaluation game will not take place**	**Sept 28th** **Practice begins**

U13 Chill (approx. 29 skaters prior to AA removed)

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Rob West

Number of skaters involved
2 Teams Level TBD

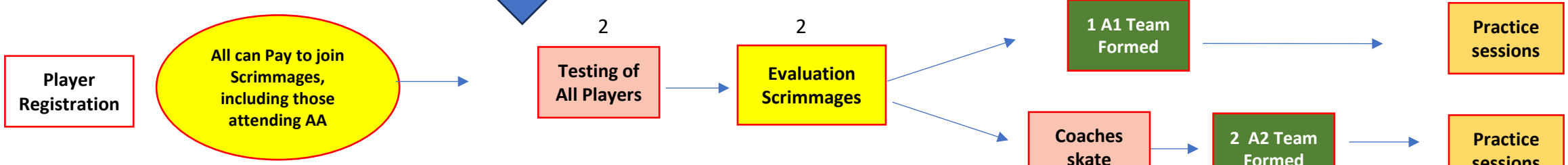
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AA Registration opens July 1 **A hockey registration opens July 15th**	**Sept 9th to 25th** **All players (including AA) may join a scrimmage Package offered by SVMHA**	**Sept 27th** **All Players must be registered by Sept 25th** **Players will be assigned to a testing session.**	**Sept 23rd and Sept 26th** **Players placed on 2 teams two games**	**Sept 26th** **teams formed** **Options remain at what level these teams will be**	**Sept 28th** **Practice begins**

U15 Chill (approx. 41 skaters)

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AA



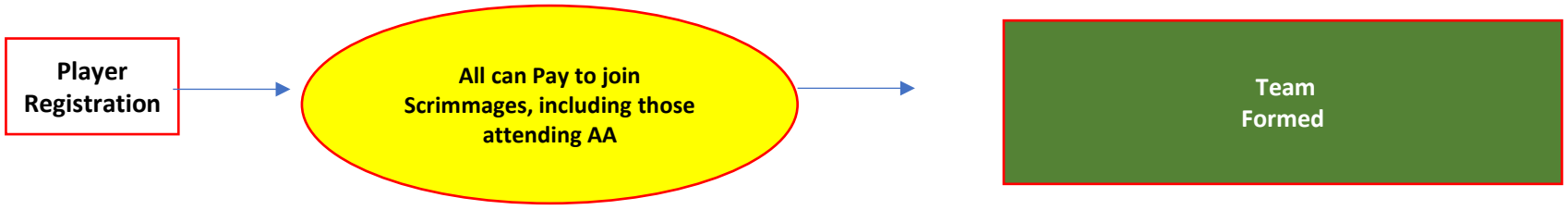
Teams 1 A1, and 2 A2

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AA registration opens July 1 A Hockey only registration opens July 15	Sept 9th to 25th All players may join a scrimmage Package offered by SVMHA.	Sept 21st Players tested	Sept 30th to Oct 2 Players placed on two teams; testing used to make teams comparable two games	Coaches Meet Teams are formed

U18 Chill (approx. 15 skaters 1 GT)

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July 15th through Aug 15th	<u>Starting Sept 8th to Oct 2nd</u> **Scrimmage program open to all U18 females including those trying out for AA**	**Oct 7th Team formation Process TBD** **Ice converts to practice ice charged to team**

Questions? Please contact your convenor

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Legend

Evaluation Event

Player Testing

Evaluation Scrimmage

NBC Evaluation Tournament

Non-Evaluation Event

IP Pre-Evaluation Skates

Practice Sessions

Selection Event

Team Formed