

NACHL Player Rating System (PRS)

Modified from Hockey Skill Level Definitions (<https://www.hockeyfinder.com/hockey-skill-level-definitions/>)

Level 1

Players / Goalies at this level are just learning to skate and have very limited knowledge of the fundamentals of the game i.e. positioning, rules, team concepts. This level is for the true beginner who has never played the game nor have had much experience watching or following the game. The level of physicality in this game should be nil although players should understand that accidental collisions will occur because players haven't mastered controlled skating.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: 1's and 2's out of 10

Level 1.5

Players / Goalies at this level are becoming more comfortable on their skates but still have a hard time with skating both forward and backwards. They've acquired some basic skills to get up and down the ice but still struggle with carrying the puck, making passes and taking shots. Players in this group would also include those who are not natural athletes and may take more time to develop their skills. The level of physicality in this game should be nil although players should understand that accidental collisions will occur because players haven't mastered controlled skating.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 2's out of 10

Level 2

Players / Goalies at this level are becoming more comfortable on their skates, but still struggle going backwards. They are probably just getting comfortable with positional play, learning to skate with head up, learning the rules, team concepts and understand offensive and defensive zones.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: 3's and 4's out of 10

Level 2.5

Players / Goalies at this level are comfortable skating forward and can now skate backwards fairly comfortably. They are starting to understand positioning, team concepts, can skate backwards, but are still working on stick handling, passing, crossovers etc.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 4's out of 10

Level 3

Players / Goalies are the great wide middle of adult recreational hockey. Most Level 3 skaters have not had significant coaching or played significant youth hockey as a child, but are generally athletic, have good knowledge of the game, skating and puck handling skills and can play at a general competitive level. Some Level 3 skaters may be slowing with age and moving down from higher ranks. Simply put Level 3 players are average in most areas of the game.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 5's out of 10

Level 3.5

Players / Goalies at this level are comfortable in a fast paced game and are able to keep up with the play. They are in average physical shape.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: 5's and 6's out of 10

Level 4

Players / Goalies have substantial hockey abilities, skills, knowledge and experience. Most Level 4's have been coached and have played considerable hockey in the past.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 6's out of 10

Level 4.5

Players / Goalies at this level play at a high level in all areas of the game. They understand the rules, team concepts, are skilled at stick handling, passing, puck control etc. They are in good physical shape.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 7's out of 10

Level 5

Players / Goalies at this level play at a high level in all areas of the game. They understand the rules, team concepts, are skilled at stick handling, passing, puck control etc. They are in above average physical shape.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: Mostly 8's out of 10

Level 6

Players / Goalies at this level should be playing in a professional league.

Skills to be assessed: Skating - Stick handling - Passing - Shooting

Skill rating: 9's and 10's out of 10

Hockey Finder Levels compared to USA Adult Hockey Skill Levels - Note: This is a general rule as not all USA Adult Leagues measure the same way

Hockey Finder Level	USA Hockey	AHA	WHAM	OMCHL
Level 1	Beginner	Beginner	C3	Novice
Level 1.5	Beginner	D2	C3	Novice
Level 2	D3	D1/D2	C1/C2	Novice/INT B
Level 2.5	D2	D1/C3	C1/B3	INT B
Level 3	D1	C2/C3	B2	INT B/INT A
Level 3.5	C3	C1	B1	INT A
Level 4	C2	B3	A2	INT A/MCHL
Level 4.5	C1	B2	A2/A1	MCHL
Level 5	B2	B1	A1	MCHL
Level 5.5	B1/A	N/A		MCHL
Level 6	NHL	NHL		NHL