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**Attention: Active Start Parents**

**Welcome to the Calgary NorthWest Ringette Association's 2024/2025 Evaluations**

On behalf of the Calgary NorthWest Ringette Association (NW Ringette), thank you for joining us for the 2024/2025 ringette season. NW Ringette's mission is to develop young athletes in their ringette and life skills through competition, teamwork and fair play, as well as foster their lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

The evaluation process is the most difficult task for any ringette association. There are a considerable number of factors that go into organizing and evaluating our athletes. Each year, the NW Ringette Board of Directors (the Board) reviews the previous season's evaluations process and offers changes and improvements to make the experience better.

This year, the Board approved a renewed objective for Evaluations: To provide an objective, accurate, and transparent evaluation and team formation process. In keeping with this objective, we have made changes to the evaluations process. A complete list of Evaluations 2024/25 season changes for all levels can be [found here](#).

Here is what you can expect this year:

- Active Start players will participate in four ice times, with the three ice times designed to be fun, learn to skate/learn to play opportunities. Parents are welcome to join their player on the ice for the first fun skate.
- The final ice time will be a cross-ice fun scrimmage so evaluators can determine balanced teams.
- After the evaluation portion is complete, the next step is forming teams. Once the teams are formed, you will be contacted directly by the head coach regarding the first practice.
- The sign up for evaluation volunteers will be available in the next few days. You will receive an email from the volunteer coordinator with further instructions. These roles count toward your NW Ringette volunteer requirement.
- Feel free to approach any member of your division coordinating team at any time with questions, comments or concerns, our volunteers are here to help guide you through the process.

The evaluations process can be a stressful time for many players and their families. Many volunteers are dedicating countless hours of their time to help make these two weeks go smoothly - we ask that you treat everyone with respect and patience as we work through any issues that may arise. With your help, we can ensure our athletes have an amazing experience this year playing ringette.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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