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Attention: Goalie Parents

Welcome to 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 that could affect your athlete.

Below is a brief summary of the changes. A complete list of Evaluations 2024/25 season changes for all levels can be [found here](#).

Here is what you can expect this year:

- The first ice time is designed to get the athletes on the ice after being off all summer. This ice time will be similar to a regular practice ice time with goalies and is optional. It is listed as the preskate on your flowchart.
- The second ice time for U14 & U16 will be the start of the evaluation process. This ice time will test skating and movement, positioning, saves and rebounds, distribution, and game sense. The skills portion will be evaluated by experienced goalies and goalie coaches who do not have children in the division they are evaluating.
- The third ice time for U14 and U16 will be the first scrimmages. The scrimmages will be evaluated by experienced goalies and goalie coaches who do not have children in the division they are evaluating. The evaluators will be looking at the athletes' save execution, position, ring toss and recovery.
- For U19 goalies, their second ice time will be the first scrimmage and their third ice time will be the skills evaluation session.
- Each goalie will be evaluated during at least two scrimmages. Additional evaluations may be required to properly evaluate each of the goalies. Further, to help aid in the evaluation of the skaters within each division the goalies will be requested to attend scrimmages even after they have been completely evaluated.

Notifications

- Athletes will be notified by email of their upcoming ice time. It is critical that you regularly check and thoroughly read each email from the association. The emails contain critical information on the process and what is coming up next for your athlete. You will also be notified (through email) if your athlete's evaluations are complete.

Team Formation

- Once the evaluations process is complete, the teams will be formed. You will not be told where your athlete has finished by the Division Coordinators. Note: your first practice could happen very quickly after the team has been formed.

Evaluations Volunteers

- 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.

The evaluations process can be a stressful time for many players and their families. It is important to prepare your athlete in a way that does not put undue pressure on them. Please encourage them to do their best, but veer away from telling them they will make a certain level. If your player does not make the level you think they should have, remember how you handle the situation will directly impact how your child handles it.

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.

Please find attached the evaluation schedule for your division. Your player will not skate in all the ice times listed here. You will be notified of your specific ice times as soon as possible.

Feel free to approach any member of your Division Coordination team at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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