

Changes to the 2024/25 Evaluations and Team Formations for NW Ringette

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. The Changes to the 2024/25 Evaluations and Team Formations changes are listed here.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on these changes, please contact evaluations@nwringette.com.

General Evaluations Changes

- There has been a slight change in the evaluations rubric for this season. The evaluations categories have been expanded to include an additional category, as per the description below. Evaluators will be evaluating according to three areas: ring control (including shooting/scoring), defensive play (play when the other team has the ring, applicable to all positions), and game sense. For U10-U14, skating skills are captured with the UAA score. For U16 and U19, the same categories are used, with skating skills added to the game sense, aggressiveness, and intangibles category. Weighting of each area is level specific.

<<link to Evaluation Rubric U10-U14>>

<<Link to Evaluation Rubric U16-U19>>

- The Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA) (applicable to U10/U12/U14 levels)
 - All players must complete NW UAAs, no UAA scores from other organizations will be accepted.
 - UAA scores will now be included in the scoring and ranking of the first two scrimmages.
 - In the event of a fall, an additional skate will be allowed.
- All players, with the exception of Active Start and beginner skaters at U10, will participate in two scrimmages and these scores will be averaged. The scrimmages following these will each count towards the evaluation score.

Evaluations Changes Specific to Levels

Active Start

- Active Start players will participate in three ice times, with the first three ice times designed to be fun, learn to skate/learn to play opportunities.
- Parents/family members of current Active Start players are now welcome to volunteer to evaluate the final ice time. The goal of the evaluation is to form balanced teams, not tier players.
- More evaluators will be assigned to this level.

U10

- All general evaluations changes apply.
- Beginner skaters in U10 are not required to participate in scrimmages and will be placed in Step 1 pooling, based on their UAA scores.
- The third and fourth scrimmages will be half-ice (scores will not be averaged). This change is to ensure evaluators can more accurately assess fundamental skill where the majority of the players have experience in a half-ice setting.

U12

- All general evaluations changes apply.

U14

- All general evaluations changes apply.

U16/U19

- All general evaluations changes apply.

Evaluations process has been updated:

2023/24 U16/U19 Evaluations Process	2024/25 Revised U16/U19 Evaluations Process	Reason for Change
Scrimmages consisted of a balanced list of players using a predictive placement ranking process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrimmages will be tiered evaluations, consistent with the process in U12/U14. - U16/U19 players will be placed in the first two scrimmages based on their historical placement on teams (using an algorithm based on player history). - All players will skate in the first scrimmages. Those who do not wish to be placed on A will be removed from the player draft list during A team formation. - The first two scrimmage scores will be averaged. 	<p>Advantages of moving to a tiered evaluations process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows evaluators more chances to gather consistent data on all players, as attendance has been an issue after the A teams are formed. - Skaters are offered a consistent amount of skates - Lines are more balanced, with less potential for players influencing other players on uneven lines.
2023/24 U16/U19 Team Formation	2024/25 Revised U16/U19 Team Formation Process	Reason for Change
Coaches conduct a serpentine draft of top evaluated athletes, not including goalies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaches will still conduct a serpentine draft of top evaluated athletes based on evaluation results (the secured and unsecured list). - 75% of the team must be selected from the secured list. - The remaining 25% of the team will be selected from an unsecured list, consisting of two times the number of available positions per team, multiplied by the number of teams. - If there is a disproportionate number of players in a given position (ie. lots of forward, but no defence), more players may be added to the unsecured list based on their evaluation scores. 	<p>This is designed to place players based on evaluation results and limit potential bias during the selection process. It reflects evaluation feedback from our membership.</p> <p><i>Note: This is consistent with other ringette associations, like Bowview.</i></p>
Coaches were selected before team selection.	Coaches will be selected once evaluations are complete, but before teams are formed.	Player evaluations are paramount. We want to ensure players are playing at the correct level of play, regardless of their parent coaching.