

Hi Cochrane U16 Ringette players and parents

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Ringette Season. Teams will be formed at A and B levels of play in Cochrane following a period of player evaluation between Sept 23rd and Sept. 28th. Because evaluation starts so late for the U16 age group, we have an optional warm-up skate scheduled for Sept 5th. Evaluation is an association wide activity that takes a considerable amount of time and resources.

Please review the following evaluation information.

Players will participate in a number of on ice evaluation sessions consisting primarily of scrimmage type play, both 3 on 3 and 5 on 5. Areas evaluated include skating, competitiveness, ring handling and game sense. Scrimmage teams may change between the sessions in an attempt to establish balanced game play. Players will be expected to be available to participate in all sessions however may be notified by the evaluation coordinators that a specific session is not required. We hope that evaluation is not stressful for players and parents, all of our teams are focused on having fun, building teamwork and personal skills development throughout the season.

The goal of evaluation is:

- *to provide a fair and impartial evaluation of players*
- *to ensure that all players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill level as determined during the evaluation of the current year*
- *to form teams where players can develop and participate equitably and have fun playing ringette during the season*

It is expected that players participate in ALL evaluation sessions. Special circumstances that prevent a player from participating in an evaluation sessions, such as illness or family emergency will be considered by the evaluation committee to determine the best placement for that player.

Evaluators for the U16 division will be individuals not affiliated with the age group being evaluated. Evaluators can not evaluate where their own children/ relatives play. Players will remain anonymous to evaluators through the use of non-identifying jerseys or pinnies.

Evaluations will be progressive and team selections will be based on evaluator scoring input. Final placements of those players deemed “bubble” (evaluation results do not clearly indicate that the player made a team) will be made with input from potential coaches (including the evaluation sheets they fill out at each of the evaluation sessions), evaluators and the evaluation committee as needed. Coaches who are parents or relatives of players under discussion will not participate in this selection decision.

Final coaching selections will not be announced until evaluation and team selection have been completed. Coaches are still needed for the U16 division, if you are interested in being a coach or an assistant coach please contact our coach development director Danni Martyn, (coachdevelopment@cochraneringette.com). The season gets off to a more enthusiastic start if we have coaches in place when teams are formed.

To help evaluations run smoothly an Evaluation Committee has been formed comprised of board members, the committee member leading the U16 evaluations this year is Stacie Poffenroth. Please direct any questions you have about evaluation, team formation or the season ahead to Stacie or any of us on the committee, we are here to help.

We need evaluators and off ice volunteers to be successful, the stronger our evaluation team the stronger the evaluation results will be, if you have experience and can volunteer your time to help evaluate players in another age division, please contact Chris Gall.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Sincerely,
Evaluation Committee, Cochrane Ringette

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COCHRANE RINGETTE U16 EVALUATION SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018 SEASON

Tuesday Sept 5th Optional Warm Up Skate

Cochrane Arena
8:45pm - 9:45pm

Saturday, September 23rd Evaluation Session

Cochrane Arena
12:30pm - 1:30pm

Sunday, September 24th Evaluation Session

Cochrane Arena
11:45am - 12:45pm

Wednesday, September 27th Evaluation Session

Totem 1
5:15pm - 6:15pm

Thursday, September 28th Evaluation Session

Totem 2
6:15pm - 7:15pm