



# AA Ringette Calgary 2023 Tryouts

Pre-Tryout Parent Meeting

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

U14AA (6:30 pm)

U16AA/U19AA (7:45 pm)



# Agenda

- Coaches
- Tryouts – Process
  - Rounds
  - Evaluators
  - Draft
- Tryouts – logistics
- The year ahead
  - Games, tournaments, etc.
  - Budgets
  - Volunteers
- Questions?



# Meet Our Coaches

U14AA	U16AA	U19AA
Laura Warner	Adam McKnight	Caley Mineault
Erin Ashley	Bill Blackwell	Michael Beland
Stacey Clare	Shawn Earle	



# Tryouts – Process and Selections

- 2 rounds at all levels

## U14 – 6 skates

UAA Skate

Skates 1 to 3 – Scrimmage  
---selection---

Skates 4 and 5 – Scrimmage  
---Draft---

## U16 & U19 – 5 skates

Skate 1 to 3 Scrimmage  
---selection---

Skates 4 and 5 – Scrimmage  
---Draft---



# Tryouts – Decisions

- If your skater decides to withdraw from AA consideration, let us know **BEFORE THE SELECTION**
- If you have sibling skaters in the same level, let the coordinators know **as early as possible (ideally before the second skate and, in any event, pre-selection)** if:
  - They both must make AA to be considered for the draft
  - They both must make the same AA team to be considered for the draft
  - Either one can make the draft
- It is your responsibility to make sure the coordinators know



# Tryouts – Process – Evaluators

- Each coaching staff creates their evaluation team
  - Only 1 named parent assistant coach
- May be some “independent” evaluators in the stands
  - They don’t rank, they don’t make selections
  - There to provide some assistance as required



# Tryouts – Process – Draft

- Draft occurs after final scrimmage skate
  - All drafts will happen after the final skates on Sunday, September 3
- Draft is not ranking
  - Discretionary
  - Based on coach plans/needs/etc.
  - Final teams to be posted on website
- Medical Exemptions



# Tryouts – Set Up - Athletes

- Check in
  - Athletes must check in for each ice time
- Pinnies
  - Return after each ice time, will be reassigned
- Team dark/Team light – each day bring:
  - 1 dark jersey (red/blue/black)
  - 1 light jersey (white \*strongly preferred\*)
  - Try to avoid grey....
  - No last names on the back of jerseys
- Goalies: organize among you and pick one colour for the whole round





# Tryouts – Set Up - Parents

- Parents/Spectators
  - Limited seating area – remain out of marked off areas
    - Give the coaches and evaluators S P A C E
  - Tryouts are about coaches and athletes
  - Volunteers required for time and shot clock, bench gates



# Tryouts – Questions/Issues

- Approach the division coordinators/tryout coordinators only
  - U19 – Sarah Blenkhorn & Christine Profili
  - U16 – Jenn Dunn & Melody Rock
  - U14 – Michelle Rolles & Rachel Vincze
- Don't go to the coaches
- Going around division coordinators/tryout coordinators may mean your issue is not addressed



# The year ahead – Practice and League

- U14 and U16 playing in the Chinook Ringette League
  - U14AA plays in the U16A Division and against other Zone 2/3 U14AA teams
  - U16AA plays in the U19A Division and against other Zone 2/3 U16AA teams
- U19 playing in the Black Gold League
- Expect 2-4 ice times per week
  - Ice limitations anticipated – ice acquisition committee will help to supplement our allocation from Ringette Calgary
  - Non-desirable ice times and locations are a reality
- Dryland 1 time per week
  - U14's: Jungle Athletics
  - U16's: Attack Athletics



# The year ahead – Tournaments

- Allocation for session 1 coordinated by the Board
  - September
    - Rusty Ring (U14) – Cochrane Sept 15-17
    - Ring it On (U16/U19) – Great Plains Sept 22-24
  - November
    - Regina, Saskatoon, Sherwood Park
  - December
    - Wood (ERC in Leduc), Session 2 decisions up to the individual HC's and teams
    - January – Red Deer, EGRT
    - February – Spruce Grove
    - U14 teams not permitted to participate in tournaments east of Manitoba



# The year ahead – Championships and Post-Season Play

- Provincials
  - Typically last weekend of February
- WCRCs
  - Hosted by Bowview, Cardel Place March 27-30, 2024
- CRCs
  - Dieppe, New Brunswick April 7-13, 2024



# The Year Ahead – Budgets

- Registration fees will be \$1,200
  - Covers first half ice and administration fees (equipment, coach certifications, bench insurance etc.)
- But there will still be more expenses
  - Historically, could expect \$5,000-\$8,000 (or more) for all in costs
    - Required and optional AA apparel, second half ice bills, dryland, exhibition games, team cash calls, travel to tournaments, hotels, extra ice, etc
  - Ultimately expenditures and fundraising at a team level is determined by each team



# The Year Ahead – Volunteers

- Volunteer Run Organization
- Team Roles
  - Manager
  - Treasurer
  - Food, Social Committee, Fund Raising, Social Media etc.
- Committee / Board Roles
  - Roles on Committee



**Questions?**