Referee Evaluation Instructions

You must sign in at the front desk and pick up the rings to bring to the ice.

During game play whistles and down time will be avoided. You will need one extra ring in your possession. Please help ensure games begin on time!

Games will have a 5 minute warm up, 2x26 minute periods OR 3x18 minute periods if 3on3 play is included in the ice time, and a 1 minute half time. Teams will NOT change ends at half-time. Goalies will change ends at half-time only if required as per goalie rotation.

You will have to assist with the player warm up U12 and up: 2 full ice laps and then a horseshoe drill at each teams end. **U10:** 1 full ice lap and then lineup in 2 lines at respective blue lines, pass to other line over the blue line and ring carrier to take break away shot on their respective goalies. \*remind players to bring the rings back to the lineup!

Games will be 5on5 with 3on3 play at the end of a game if scheduled. Shifts will be timed for 60 seconds and indicated by buzzer (U10 may use 90 second shifts). Players will enter the ice when the buzzer sounds and players leaving the ice will return to the bench and attempts should be made to avoid game play when returning to the bench. Line changes will be fluid on the buzzer.

Bench helpers are responsible to keep players in sequential pinnie order and assign positions in a rotation.

Goalies will rotate evenly: starting goalies should have been determined by division head and notified they are starting. Goalies will rotate during game play with no stoppage in play occurring. If possible please remind goalies if they miss the correct time to rotate:

2 goalies – change ends at half-time. If game includes 3on3 change again at 9 min. mark of 3on3 play

3 goalies- rotate clockwise every 8.5 minutes (for example black team, bench, red team)

For games with 3on3 play goalies will need to rotate every 6 minutes instead

4 goalies- rotate clockwise every 13 minutes (for example black team, black bench, red bench, red team)

For games with 3on3 play rotate every 9 min. during 5on5 play and switch places with other goalie at 9 min. mark of 3on3 play

Game play will begin with the referee giving one team the ring in the center ice free pass circle. The opposing team will be given the ring at the start of the second period. When the buzzer sounds for shift change the players are to leave the ring where it lies. If necessary the referee will put the ring into play during line changes.

After a goal a new ring will be put into play by the referee toward center ice. You will call out “new ring” when it is put into play. Please collect the ring from the net after the new ring is in play.

For minor infractions (crease violations, blue line infractions, 4 in the zone) please advise players with verbal feedback ( black team you have 4 in…) and if possible be LOUD so evaluators know an infraction has occurred. No stoppage in play in required. \* if teams/players become confused you can stop the play by blowing your whistle and put a new ring in to play by announcing “new ring” with a quick verbal correction to players and/or bench helpers.

For major infractions (penalties) blow your whistle to stop play and indicate the pinnie number of the player receiving the penalty to evaluators. Put the ring back into play with an attempt to give possession to the other team. Please limit calling penalties as whistles should be avoided to maximize game play.