

ERC Evaluation Criteria and Considerations

Skating Ability:

- Can they skate at the AA level?
- How is their speed, acceleration, agility, directional change, balance, pivots, crossovers?
- Are they strong on their skates?

Ring skills:

- Passing (accuracy/tempo), receiving, ring handling, ring protection?
- Can they perform these skills under pressure?

Scoring/shooting ability:

- Is this player a threat to score or create a scoring opportunity?
- Are they dynamic? Creative? Powerful? Deceptive?
- What is their shooting quality?

Offensive play:

- Involvement in play?
- Adjust to opposition to be in passing lanes?
- Use of picks, screens, drops, and post play?
- Use of fakes and deception to create passing and shooting lanes?

Defensive play:

- Do they demonstrate good defensive positioning (goal-side coverage, triangle, angling wide)?
- Are they aware and ready?
- Do they read the ice and identify threats?
- Do they win ring battles?
- Are they aggressive?
- Do they show a second effort?
- Can they physically compete?

Checking:

- Are they a strong checker? Do they gain possession of the ring often?
- Do they show tenacity on the forecheck & back check?
- Do they angle the ring carrier to cut off skating and passing lanes?
- Do they understand the difference between aggressive and dirty?

Transition:

- Do they carry the ring with control and authority?
- Do they support the ring carrier?
- How is their pass selection?
- Do they get open? Do they create space?
- How is their pass reception under pressure?
- Ability to box out and maintain possession?

Decision-making and game awareness:

- Do they make good decisions with and without the ring? Ring management?
- Do they see and read the ice?
- How do they balance risk v. reward?
- Are they organized between plays? Ready?
- Is their shift length appropriate? How are their line changes?

Personal characteristics/Competitive spirit

- Do they show a competitive nature?
- Are they focused?
- Do they seem positive and confident?
- How is their body language?
- How is their work ethic? Do they have good habits?
- Any noticeably selfish play?