



## Welcome U16 Athletes and Families!

My name is Dana Gallace and I am the U16 Division Director this season.

All communication to and from me will go through [u16director@sherwoodparkringette.ca](mailto:u16director@sherwoodparkringette.ca). You can also look for updates on the SPRA website and [U16 Homepage](#). Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns throughout the season.

### Important Upcoming Dates

#### KTRO:

Knock The Rust Off skates are underway. If you haven't had an opportunity to register, there is still time. August 17 is now also open to U19 players in the hopes that we can increase numbers so we don't have to cancel - stay tuned. These skates are **optional** and provide extra opportunity for players to get back on the ice and prepare for upcoming evaluations. Athletes can register in RAMP for multiple skates at a cost of \$20 per skate.

Session 2:	August 15	7:15 pm - 8:15 pm	MP Powerade
Session 3:	August 17	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	MP Chevrolet <i>*may be canceled due to low #'s</i>
Goalies Only:	August 24	7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Sherwood Park Arena <i>*U16/19 Goalie Pre-Skate</i>

#### Pre-Skates:

Pre-skates are **optional**, free and provided on a first come, first served basis. This will give every athlete the opportunity to get on the ice prior to evaluations. You can register at no cost in RAMP for **ONE** pre-skate from the times below.

Pre-skate 1:	August 29	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	MP Chevrolet
Pre-skate 2:	August 30	6:30 pm - 7:45 pm	Sherwood Park Arena

#### Evaluation Skates:

Evaluation dates are tentative and are subject to change. You will receive an email with your athlete's time slot closer to the evaluation date. Apologies, but I cannot accept time requests. Athletes are **required** to attend their assigned evaluation times. ***If there are extenuating circumstances and your athlete is not able to attend any of the skates last minute, please contact me directly.***

Evaluations will consist of three game play evaluations. Groups will be organized and sent out prior to the skates. There may be player movement between and within groups after each skate, please keep an eye on your emails during this time to ensure your player is attending the correct skate time. Goalies will participate in an individual evaluation and will also be assigned to the gameplay evaluations.

Evaluation Skate 1: September 3, 2024

Goalie Skill Evaluation: September 7, 2024

Evaluation Skate 2: September 8, 2024

Evaluation Skate 3: September 11, 2024

During evaluations, communication will be provided as quickly as possible, but this will likely be late at night and at short notice for the next skate. Please be diligent in checking your emails. Once the evaluation process is completed, the Team Selection Committee will meet. Teams will be communicated via email and practices will be set to start ASAP.

**Volunteers:**

Parent volunteers are required in order to proceed with evaluation skates. Volunteer jobs will include: benches/doors (**you cannot go on the same bench as your athlete**), time keeper, shot clock, penalty box, sign-in desk. A sign up link will be sent out, please sign up to help where you can. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Communication:**

In addition to the emails you receive from your Division Directors, SPRA sends out important information throughout the season. We have had parents reach out who are not receiving these emails. This is either due to emails being in their junk folders (please check regularly) or because they unsubscribed from RAMP emails through another sport. As RAMP is connected across all sports, you need to contact RAMP directly to have your email reinstated.

**Setting the Stage for Success:**

Please visit [SPRA Evaluations](#) to review the resources provided by the association for this year's evaluations. These documents will help you navigate the evaluation process and answer many questions you might have. With the knowledge that you have all been a part of this process in previous years, I request that you take a moment to read [SPRA Evaluations – Parent Tips](#) to ensure that we are all on the same page as we work to support our athletes through evaluations and their U16 season.

Looking forward to a fantastic season!

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