

SHERWOOD PARK RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

U16 Evaluation Process: 2022-2023

Welcome to the 2022/23 ringette season! SPRA evaluations are conducted in accordance with the SPRA Guidelines and Procedures Manual, Section 10, Evaluations, and Team Selection.

The U16 division is tiered, therefore a consistent evaluation process will be utilized to allow for an unbiased assessment of player's total ringette skills and ability to determine player placement.

For the process to be effective, players MUST attend ALL evaluation ice times assigned to them. If a player is unable to attend their designated ice time(s), this may have an impact on their final placement within their division. There may be certain unavoidable factors that arise in which the player might not be able to attend an ice time. In these situations, it is imperative that this information is communicated to the Division Director, so they can review the circumstances and aim to ensure that the most suitable placement for the player occurs.

Optional pre-skate sessions are available to all athletes prior to start of the evaluation process. Registration can be found on the SPRA website

Game-Play Assessment

1. Players will be assigned a pinnie color & number-players need to sign these out/in for each session.
2. We will aim to make player's shifts as equal as possible (*note: this will include playing with different players and in different positions*).
3. During gameplay, whistles and down-time will be minimized to keep the flow of the game continuous.
4. Play will be controlled by 1-2 referees observing regular game play rules, including the use of the thirty second shot clock.
5. Line change expectations will be outlined to players and bench staff prior to the start of the game.
6. Athletes will not receive any coaching from the bench staff other than line combinations.
7. At no point will volunteer coaches be on the same bench as their child during evaluations.
8. Penalties will be assessed by the 'skate and chase method', rather than going to the penalty box unless deemed as a serious/dangerous penalty. (Players will be briefed on this prior to Skate 1).

Game play assessment is cumulative and is based on a 1-5 point scale. Players are evaluated on:

- *Ring skills-ring movement, passing, receiving, shooting*
- *Game Sense- zone awareness (defensive/offensive), creating advantages, player support, marking, transitions, communication, aggressiveness vs trepidation, team play, attitude, and effort*
- *Point scale explanation: 1=Struggling, 2=Limited, 3=Competent, 4=Skilled, 5=Exceptional*

Evaluators

1. Evaluators for game play will be drawn from a variety of ringette backgrounds.
2. **NOTE:** At **NO** time, will an evaluator participate in the division in which their child is playing- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Coach Selection

Coach selection will follow SPRA Guidelines and Procedures Manual, Section 9, Coaching Selections.

Team Selection

1. SPRA Team Selection Committee (TSC) is a group of individuals from the SPRA executive board that will aim to create suitable teams for each level/division/tier by placing appropriately skilled players on teams as determined by: evaluation scores and rankings, consultation, consensus, etc. A TSC member is not permitted to participate in tiers/levels under review in which their child is playing.
2. TSC will review, oversee, and approve all final team selections.
3. Coaches of teams will have first review of team selection as determined by TSC; any minor change requests will need to be justified, reviewed and either approved or denied by TSC.
4. The A team(s) will be selected prior to the B team(s).
5. In the event of two or more teams in a tier, SPRA TSC will aim to create two balanced teams from the evaluation rankings. Teams will be presented to the Head Coaches for review, with finalization by the TSC. The coaches and TSC will sign off, completing the process for final team selections.

Data Recording

- All data recording will be completed by the Division Director and Evaluation Coordinator. The President or Vice President will verify all entries are completed in a non-bias manor.
- All data recording will be entered on SkillShark Evaluation Program.

Note: The evaluation process is a guideline to assist with the measurement of a player's ringette skills and ability. Minor adjustments may be required in consultation with the TSC, Division Director. Placement of athletes on teams will be unbiased and decisions will always be made in the best interest of each athlete and team.

We encourage all families who have questions, to reach out during the evaluation process to their respective Division Directors to understand the process and timing of events. We do appreciate the flexibility of our members to accommodate our ice schedule and the spontaneity of subsequent evaluations during this period.