Hello U12 athletes and families,

Welcome to U12 ringette! My name is Jackie, and I will be the director this year. As our 2025/2026 season is quickly approaching, I want to give everyone a head’s up on what to expect in the next couple months. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at u12director@sherwoodparkringette.ca. I hope to have all important information posted on the Sherwood Park Ringette Association website for quick reference.

U12 is considered “Children’s Ringette”. This program was introduced to develop skills, while providing age and stage appropriate activity in ringette. U12 includes all the regular ringette rules including shot clock and full-sized nets. Players are encouraged to try different positions (including goalie) but will start to develop a preference.

This season, we should expect to have teams at each level; A, B and C. Players will be evaluated to ensure they are placed on the appropriate team. Please keep in mind that there are **NO** friend or coach requests.

Prior to the start of the season, Sherwood Park Ringette is offering a pre-evaluation skate for each division. U12 is scheduled for **August 14th** and **August 17th**. This are optional but recommended so the players can get back on the ice, ensure all their equipment fits comfortably and they are ready to go for evaluations. You will be able to register for one of the ice times through RAMP shortly.

Our *official* U12 evaluation will begin on **August 23rd** with the Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA). The administration and timing of our drills will be conducted by Competitive Thread, an independent sport testing company. This is the first component of the evaluation and is necessary to the tiering process. The athletes’ performance on the UAA will dictate what evaluation group they will be placed in next. Failure to attend the UAA skate, as well as any evaluation skate, can impact the athlete’s placement.

Following the UAA, we move into the game play evaluation. We currently have ice times on **September 7th** and **September 10th**, with the possibility of a third skate on **September 14th** (if needed). These are subject to change. Groups will be determined following each previous skate. Players will be rotated through different positions. There are no goalie evaluations for Children’s Ringette.

Once all U12 evaluations have concluded, the Team Selection Committee will meet to assign players to teams. These teams will be announced within 48 hr and practices potentially starting the following day.

For our evaluation to run smoothly, I will be looking for some parents and coaches to assist me. I will forward a link to a sign-up sheet once the schedule is confirmed. Please note that during gameplay evaluations, parents **cannot** be on the same bench as their player.

Keep a close eye on your email – ice times will be forwarded as soon as they are available. I’m looking forward to getting to know these wonderful players and wish everyone a fantastic season!

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