

Welcome to the 2024-25 Ringette Season!

My name is Leah McBride and I will be the U19 Division Director this season. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the season and I will try my best to find answers. I can be reached at: u19director@sherwoodparkringette.ca

If your son/daughter is trying out for AA, you will be provided with AA-specific Evaluation information from the AA Director. (aadirector@sherwoodparkringette.ca)

Most of the information you will need regarding the upcoming evaluations has been sent out in the SPRA Welcome letter and more is available on the website. (sherwoodparkringette.ca)

Key Dates:

Knock the Rust Off (KTRO) skates are underway. If you haven't had an opportunity to register, there is still time. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and there is a charge of \$20 per session. **Please note: These are not mandatory.*

U19 Session 2:	August 15	830-930pm	MP Powerade
U16 Session 3:	August 17	12-115pm	MP Chevrolet
U16AA Session:	August 18	1115am-1230pm	MP Powerade

PreSkates: You may also sign up for one (only) of the preskate dates below. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and there is no charge. This will give every athlete an opportunity to get on the ice prior to evaluations. **Please note: These are not mandatory.*

Preskate 1:	August 25	145pm	GARC
Preskate 2:	August 31	645pm	SOC

Evaluation skates: Format TBD. **Please note: Your group number may change from skate to skate.*

Evaluation Skate 1:	September 7
Evaluation Skate 2:	September 10
Evaluation Skate 3:	September 12

Specific evaluation dates for goaltenders will be communicated to those who have expressed interest in playing in that position this year. Unless otherwise communicated, please attend your assigned evaluation group. New to the Board this year is our Goaltender Development Director. (goaliedevelopment@sherwoodparkringette.ca) We are always looking to recruit more goaltenders! If you or someone you know would like to try, please reach out.

The number of teams and team size will be determined by finalized registration numbers and availability of goalies. (we will try hard to have at least one goalie per team, but this may not be possible) The levels at which our teams compete will be determined by the Ringette Alberta Tiering Policy as in previous years.

Coaching staff for each team (other than AA) will be selected once teams are created and will consider, among other things, the Ringette Alberta requirement of at least one certified female coach on each team.

If your child is interested in declaring his/her intention to play at the B level, this must be received in writing (to: u19director@sherwoodparkringette.ca) prior to the start of Evaluation Skate 3. Those wishing to declare B must still attend all evaluation skates.

I will (as always) be looking for volunteers to make sure things run smoothly for all ice times. Please watch your email for opportunities to help. These evaluations cannot run without the help of volunteers. Volunteer jobs will include: bench help (you cannot go on the same bench as your athlete), time keeper, shot clock operator, penalty box, and check in/out table.

To help inform our evaluation process, I will be sending out a google form to ask for your athlete's primary and secondary preferred positions. Watch your email for more information.

After evaluations are complete and teams created, you will get an email indicating which team your athlete is on. As per Sherwood Park Ringette Association Guidelines and Procedures Manual 11.1, player evaluation and placement is not subject to the right to appeal.

The regular season start date will be determined by BGL.

Thank you.

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