

SHERWOOD PARK RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

U12-U19 Evaluation Process – 2017-2018

Welcome to the 2017-18 ringette season. SPRA evaluations are conducted in accordance with the SPRA Guidelines and Procedures Manual, Section 11, Evaluations, and Team Selection.

The U12 to U19 divisions are tiered therefore a consistent evaluation process will be utilized to allow for an unbiased assessment of a 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 a 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.

Note:

- An optional shinny session will be available to all athletes prior to start of the evaluation process.
- Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA) is set forth by Ringette Alberta (RAB) – U10/U12/U14 divisions
- Details regarding the UAA testing can be viewed online at [Ringette Alberta You Tube](#)

Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA) – U10/U12/U14

1. UAA will take place at the first ice session of evaluations
2. Competitive Thread will provide all services for the UAA sessions (i.e. timing/recording scores)
3. Athletes will complete each skill at least twice
4. UAA scores will be used to place players in skill-like groups for the remaining evaluation sessions

Game-Play - U12/U14/U16/U19

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*)
3. During game-play and to keep the flow of the game continuous, whistles and down-time will be minimized
4. Line-change expectations will be outlined to players prior to the start of the game

Focus of evaluations:

- RING SKILLS (i.e. ring movement, receiving, passing, shooting)
- GAME SENSE (i.e. zone awareness, creating advantages, player support, marking, transition, team play)
- EFFORT (i.e. engagement)

A and B/C Skates - U12/U14/U16

A Skate:

- After the first two 5on5 sessions, player rankings will determine player selection for the A Skate. The A Skate will consist of one or two exhibition-type games versus other ringette associations, if possible.

B/C Skate:

- Following the 5on5 sessions and the A Skate, we will aim for balanced B/C groupings to play inter-squad type games (as applicable).

A Tryout – U19

Note: Players in the U19 division are permitted to opt-out of playing at the A level therefore they are not required to attend the U19A tryout sessions. These players will automatically be placed in the B level.

1. Players wishing to compete at the A level will participate in the A tryout sessions followed by an exhibition-type game versus another ringette association, if possible.
2. Any released players from the A level will be placed in the B level. If there are enough players for two teams the players will be evaluated and grouped as per B/C skate protocol above (i.e. balanced teams).

Goalies - U12/U14/U16/U19

1. Goalies will be assessed by goaltender evaluator(s)
2. Players choosing to be full-time/part-time goalies will be evaluated as a goalie during a 5on5 session(s)
3. We will aim for equal playing time for full-time goalies during the evaluation process
4. Part-time goalies will be evaluated for both positions – goalie and player. Every attempt will be made to place these players at a suitable level for their skill-set regarding both positions.

Focus of evaluations:

- Positioning and mobility (i.e. stance, angles, lateral movement, net position to shooter, recovery)
- Ring-stopping ability (i.e. reaction to shooter, low shots, high shots, dekes, breakaways)
- Ring-handling (i.e. ring recovery, ring control, ring distribution, throwing, and fakes)

Evaluators

- Competitive Thread (CT) – sport testing consultant group (<http://www.competitivethread.com/>) – U10/U12/U14 UAA portion only.
- Evaluators for game play will be drawn from a variety of ringette backgrounds
- If an evaluator has a child in the association, it is recommended they evaluate two divisions away from the division their child plays in (i.e. U16 evaluator could evaluate for U12 division)
- **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 10, Coaching Selections. SPRA will do their best to announce Coaches prior to the final skate for each tier

Team Selection

- U12/U14 tiers will be determined by RAB UAA scores
- U16/U19 tiers will follow RAB Policy
- *SPRA Team Selection Committee (TSC) will review, oversee and approve all final team selections
- Coaches of A 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
- Where there is a C division, the B team(s) will be selected prior to the C team(s)
- 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 their review with the TSC for finalization. The Coaches and TSC will sign off completing the process for final team selections.

***SPRA Team Selection Committee (TSC)** – group of individuals based on the Procedures and Guidelines as per section 11 will aim to create suitable teams for each level/division/tier by placing appropriately skilled players on teams as determined by: evaluation rankings, consultation, consensus, etc. A TSC member is not permitted to participate in tiers/levels under review in which their child is playing.

Data Recording

- The UAA and game-play evaluation scores will be recorded by an independent data entry person and he/she will not have ties associated with SPRA that may create a conflict of interest (i.e. family, friends, etc.)
- The evaluation scores will be handed to the recorder after each ice session for data entry and the final rankings will be presented to the TSC for team formation

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. We will aim for unbiased decision-making as the best interest of the athlete is paramount.

