

Player Attendance

All players are expected to participate in the evaluations process. However, if a player is unable to do so, alternate tier placement processes will be employed.

Exemptions from Evaluations

Medical Exemptions

In case of an injury or a medical requirement that a player is unable to partake in a part or whole of the evaluations process, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Player's parents or guardians must inform the Evaluations Committee of the planned absence, as early as possible prior to the scheduled evaluations sessions.
2. Player's parents or guardians must complete the Evaluations Exemption Form indicating the reason for absence and acknowledging the process by which their player will be placed in a tier within their division.
3. A dated note from a doctor or a certified medical professional specifying the injury or medical condition precluding the player from participating in the evaluations sessions is required to be provided to the Evaluations Committee.
4. The exempted player's placement in a tier will be determined by a "Two Above, Two Below" approach.
 - a. "Two Above, Two Below" means the exempted player will be ranked based on the evaluation ranking of the two players ranked immediately above and two players ranked immediately below the exempted player from the last stage of the current season's evaluation process in which they've partaken, or, if they have not participated in this season's evaluations, the ranking will be determined from the previous season. The exempted player will be placed in a calculated median rank (rounded down) among those four players as they progress through each remaining stage of the evaluations process.
5. If one or more of the followed players do not remain in the same game play as the rest, the game play with the most of those players will be used for the placement of the exempted player. Otherwise, the higher game play will be used.

Example:

The exempted player is ranked 18th at the time of injury or illness, in this case prior to the first round of game plays, and thus will follow players ranked 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th as shown below.

Rank	Seeding	GP Round 1	GP Round 2	GP Round 3	Final Rank
11				Player B	Player B
12		Player A	Player A	Player A	Player A
13			Player B	Exempted	Exempted
14				Player C	Player C
15		Player C	Exempted		
16	Player A	Exempted			
17	Player B		Player C		
18	Exempted	Player B			
19	Player C				
20	Player D			Player D in another GP, so no longer considered.	
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22			Player D		
23		Player D			
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After the first game play, considering the ranking of the followed players, the exempted player is ranked 16th (Median rank = 16.5, rounded down to 16). This player proceeds to the next round of game play as a 16th ranked player would.

After the second game play, the exempted player is ranked 15th. However, the ranking of Player D (22nd) places them into a lower game play, so they are no longer considered in the calculation.

After the third game play, the exempted player is placed based on the median rank of players A, B and C, and are ranked 13th. As that is the last game played for these players, the final rank for the exempted player is 13th overall, and they will be eligible to be drafted accordingly.

6. If the exempted player is new to Northwest Ringette, and they have not partaken in any part of the current season’s evaluation process, their previous play history will be assessed, and at the discretion of the Evaluations Committee, they will be placed into the team selection process for an appropriate tier within their division.
7. The exempted player will be listed on the most appropriate team selection list (secured player list or unsecured player list) at their determined ranking with the note, “Did Not Evaluate - Medical” without any further information provided.

Non-Medical Exemptions

For all circumstances due to which a player plans to miss a part or whole of the evaluations process (e.g., travel, priorities, scheduling conflicts, etc.), the following procedures will be followed:

1. Player’s parents or guardians must inform the Evaluations Committee of the planned absence, as early as possible prior to the scheduled evaluations sessions.

2. Player's parents or guardians must complete the Evaluations Exemption Form indicating the reason for absence and acknowledging the process by which their player will be placed in a tier within their division.
3. The Evaluations Committee will consider the player's history, previous evaluations results, coach evaluations, and previous coaches' input to determine the appropriate placement in the draft for their division. *The decision on placement will be considered final and no appeals or grievances will be heard.*
4. The placement determination will be limited to specifying the tier which the player is deemed to be appropriate for, and whether they are to be on the secured player list or unsecured player list.
5. The exempted player will be listed last in the rankings in their determined category (secured player list or unsecured player list) in a given tier with the note, "Did Not Evaluate - Non-Medical" without any further information provided.

No Shows

If a player misses a scheduled evaluations session, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The player, their parent or guardian must inform the Evaluations Committee within 6 hours of the reason for absence as the subsequent evaluation placements are assigned shortly after the results of the session are compiled.
2. If the stated reason for absence is due to an injury or medical reason, procedures outlined in Medical Exemptions will be followed.
3. If the stated reason for absence is due to circumstances outside of the athlete's or their parents'/guardians' control, and at the discretion of the Evaluations Committee, procedures outlined in Non-Medical Exemptions will be followed.
4. Failure to notify the Evaluations Committee of the reason for absence within 6 hours, or providing an invalid reason for absence will result in the player being ranked last for the missed evaluation session and subsequent placement will be determined according to the evaluations procedures.
5. In the case of a no-show where the reason is not considered a medical or non-medical exemption, the player will be listed in the rankings with the note, "Did Not Evaluate - No Show" without any further information provided.