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Attention: Active Start Parents

Welcome to the Calgary Northwest Ringette Association's 2026/2027 Evaluations

On behalf of the Calgary Northwest Ringette Association (NW Ringette), thank you for joining us for the 2026/2027 ringette season. NW Ringette's mission is to develop young athletes in their ringette and life skills through competition, teamwork and fair play, as well as foster their lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

The evaluation process is the most difficult task for any sport association. There are a considerable number of factors that go into organizing and evaluating our athletes. Each year, the NW Ringette Board of Directors (the Board) reviews the previous season's evaluations process and feedback from the membership. The goal is to offer changes and improvements to make the experience better.

We remain committed to our evaluations objective: *To provide an objective, accurate, and transparent evaluation and team formation process.* In keeping with this objective, we have made slight changes to the evaluations process that affect your athlete. A complete list of Evaluations 2026/27 season changes for all levels can be [found here](#).

General Evaluations Changes

- There is a slight change in the Evaluations Rubric for this season. The evaluations categories include three areas: Skating, Defensive IQ/Game Sense, Offensive IQ/Game Sense. This change was designed to help Evaluators more easily rate Defence and Offence play. [You can view the Evaluation Rubric here.](#)
- Medical exemptions will now only be granted if the player has participated in game play since January 1st of the previous playing season. If this is not met, the player will apply for a non-medical exemption. Read the full statement on page 10 of the [Evaluations & Team Formation policy](#).

Here is what you can expect this year:

- Active Start players will participate in four ice times. The first is an optional preskate, designed to get the kids on to the ice after the summer break. The next two ice times are designed to be fun, learn to skate/learn to play opportunities. Parents are welcome to join their player on the ice for the first fun skate.
- The final ice time will be a cross-ice, fun scrimmage so evaluators can determine balanced teams.
- After the evaluation portion is complete, the next step is forming teams. Once the teams are formed, you will be contacted directly by the head coach regarding the first practice.
- The sign-up for evaluation volunteers will be available in the next few days. You will receive an email from the volunteer coordinator with further instructions. These roles count toward your [NW Ringette volunteer requirement](#).
- Feel free to approach any member of your Division coordination team at any time with questions, comments or concerns. Our volunteers are here to help guide you through the process.

The evaluations process can be a stressful time for many players and their families. It is important to prepare your athlete in a way that does not put undue pressure on them. Please encourage them to do their best and have fun as much as possible.

Many volunteers are dedicating countless hours of their time to help make these two weeks go smoothly - we ask that you treat everyone with respect and patience as we work through any issues that may arise. With your help, we can ensure our athletes have an amazing experience this year playing ringette.

Please find attached the evaluation schedule for your division. Feel free to approach any member of your division coordination team at any time with questions, comments or concerns. Our volunteers are here to help guide you through the process.

Sincerely,

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