



Airdrie Ringette Association – Player Evaluations

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The purpose of player evaluations is to determine the best team placement for all players within Airdrie Ringette Association. When possible, certified coaches, who are not directly involved or do not have an interest in that level, will evaluate.

Active Start

There are no evaluations at this level

U10 Step 1

Evaluations would be done when numbers allow for more than one team to ensure the teams are split evenly.

U10 Step 2 & 3

Depending on the number of players registered, and the need for multiple teams, evaluations may be done on players at these levels. The resulting scores will be used to create teams. Individual scores may be used to move a player up or down a division/level depending on registration numbers in these Steps.

Evaluations process:

1. During pre-season ice, all players will be evaluated on basic skills, such as, forward and backward skating and stopping, and will be rated by evaluators using a smaller set of drills based on the U12 and up UAA (Universal Athlete Assessments)
2. Game evaluations will be completed on an as needed basis to create teams of equal strength at any level that requires more than one team at any level
3. Upon completion of evaluations, and selection of the coaches by the Coaching Committee, the Director of Coach & Player will coordinate the division of players into even teams.
4. Prior year's player evaluations if applicable may be utilized during the evaluation and team selection process.
5. Airdrie Ringette Association will consider special placement requests. Special requests will be considered, not guaranteed, provided the request is received in writing, stating reason(s), prior to evaluations. Any granted requests would not change equality of teams.

6. All results of the evaluation process shall be final. Evaluations and rankings are confidential and are not shared with players and parents unless required to address a grievance.

U12, U14, U16 and U19

When numbers allow for only one team: skills testing (UAA) will be completed, to assist on deciding the level of play i.e. A, B or C. A game scenario may then be set up if level is unclear.

When numbers allow for two or more teams, evaluations will consist of two scoring areas: skill testing (UAA) and game play evaluations. Each player will be given a score, which is weighted 30% from Skills testing and 70% from game play. The combination of these scores will be used to rank players to fairly tier to "A," "B" and "C", depending on the number of players registered at that division for that year.

Evaluation breakdown:

1. All players must attend the skills evaluation. If a player is unable to attend, a score will be calculated based on the median average of current players evaluated. This will account for 30% of score for ranking.
2. Players will compete in at least one game evaluation which will account for the remaining 70% of their score. All players that want to be evaluated for an "A" level team must attend the game evaluations. Each player will be evaluated based upon skills for all positions. The evaluation will include tangible skills (such as, skating, ring handling, checking, passing and shooting, etc.), and intangible skills (such as work ethic, game sense, aggressiveness, positioning and moving to open ice, etc.) Each player will have the opportunity to be evaluated at each a forward and defence position. Evaluation games will consist of 3 on 3 and 5 on 5.
3. The Director of Coach & Player and the evaluation committee may at their discretion, after the first game evaluation, ask players to not attend the second game evaluation as they had consistently ranked as very high or very low amongst the group. This will allow for evaluators to score the remainder of the players more effectively.
4. Depending on the number of teams that need to be evaluated and tiered, additional evaluations may be required as determined by the Director of Coach & Player and evaluation committee. The specific evaluations for each division will be communicated prior to the start of evaluations for each year.
5. Any player that does not attend one of the evaluations shall be assigned a ranking based upon the review of her attendance at other sessions and with input by way of the prior year's coach(s). This shall be at the discretion of the Director of Coach & Player and evaluation committee, or in times of conflict, a designate from within the Airdrie Ringette board.
6. Upon completion of evaluations, in the event that there are one or more players who are considered to be final selections (ie. the results of the evaluation do not clearly indicate that these players have made a team) the Director of Coach & Player may ask the age level coaching staff if required for their input into the selection of the final players. Number of players picked by coaches will depend on the final scores of their evaluations and the difference in their final scores. 3 picks will be the most that a coach will be allowed to pick if applicable. Prior year's player evaluations may be used to assist in the player selection if applicable.

7. In the event that a player is sick for an evaluation game, their evaluation scores will be averaged and a score will be given for that ice time based on other evaluation scores.

8. All results of the evaluation process shall be final. Evaluations and rankings are confidential and are not shared with players and parents unless required to address a grievance.

Evaluation Process Game Play

1. Evaluation games will consist of 3 on 3 for the first period and then moving to 5 on 5 for second period. There will only be 2 periods for evaluations.
2. During game play, whistles should be avoided as much as possible. The referee's will then communicate with the players and blow the whistle notifying players of a change of possession instead of a free pass.
3. Evaluations for game play will be given a score of 1-5 (1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest)

Evaluation committee – 4 member committee. Ideally made up of 2 board members. Committee will not have any personal interest in the division of the committee that they are on.

UAA Testing- Testing will be completed as per Ringette Alberta. We will require 2-3 volunteers to run each station that have no personal interest in that level. Coach/player will receive all results unless he has personal interest at that level. At that time a person from board will be designated. UAA results will be photo copied right after evaluations and a copy will be placed in the ARA office.