

POLICY 5
TEAM FORMATION – EVALUATIONS

5.1 General Requirements

- 5.1.1 Registration of teams and players must be submitted to the Ringette Association of Saskatchewan no later than November 1st of each year.
- 5.1.2 Once a player is assigned to a team, that player may not move to another team without the approval of the Board.
- 5.1.3 All players shall be subject to evaluations completed by SRA in accordance with Policy 5 for the purpose of ranking players for team formation.
- 5.1.4 SRA will use the draft system detailed in Policy 6 for the formation of U8, U10 and U12 teams as well as for B teams in U14, U16 and U19.

5.2 Evaluation Scheduling

- 5.2.1 U8 evaluations shall take place when SRA ice starts (roughly end of September/beginning of October).
- 5.2.2 U10 and U12 evaluations will take place in September.
- 5.2.3 B evaluations for U14, U16, and U19 will start following A/AA tryouts.

5.3 U8 Evaluations

- 5.3.1 All coaches will be on the ice to co-evaluate each players' skills in terms of beginner, intermediate, and advanced.
- 5.3.2 Skating skills shall be given the most weight in determining group placement.
- 5.3.3 The U8 Commissioner (or designate) will oversee evaluations and team formation with input from available coaches.

5.4 U10 – U19 Evaluations

- 5.4.1 Evaluation ice times will be designed to serve a dual purpose of skill development and producing evaluation data for ranking purposes.

5.5 Evaluation Coordination and Methodology

- 5.5.1 The Director of Athlete Development (or designate) will be responsible for:
 - a) designing the ice times and preparing all evaluation materials;
 - b) coordinating the timed skating sessions, training timekeepers and evaluators, entering evaluation data; and
 - c) calculating player rankings.

- 5.5.2 Where the Director of Athlete Development is a coach or parent/relative of a player in the division being evaluated, an alternate member of the Board must be responsible for entering evaluation data and calculating player rankings for that division.
- 5.5.3 It is the joint responsibility of the Director of Coach Development and division commissioners to find instructors, timekeepers, evaluators, and gate openers for scrimmages.
- 5.5.4 It will be the responsibility of the division commissioners to hand out bibs for each ice time.
- 5.5.5 The SRA Office Administrator will be responsible for scheduling referees for scrimmages.
- 5.5.6 In U12, players will be regrouped by skill level for scrimmages, based on data from the previous ice times (timed skating, skills).
- 5.5.7 Objective data (timed skating) and subjective data (skill ratings) will be collected for each player and combined to create an overall score that represents their relative skill level.
- 5.5.8 The formula to create overall scores will follow a gradient whereby more weight is given to subjective evaluations as athletes get older (see table below). Weightings will be adjusted in cases where a player missed one or more of the evaluation ice times.

	Objective Weighting	Subjective Weighting (Ratings)		
	Timed Skating	Skills Session	Game Skills (Scrimmage)	Total Subjective
U10	80%	20%	n/a	20%
U12	70%	15%	15%	30%
U14B	60%	20%	2-	40%
U14A/AA	50%	25%	25%	50%
U16B	50%	25%	25%	50%
U16A/AA	40%	25%	35%	60%
U19B	40%	25%	35%	60%
U19A/AA	30%	30%	40%	70%

- Players' overall evaluation scores will range from 0 to 10, with higher scores reflecting higher skill level.

- 5.5.9 Athletes in U12 through U19 with an interest in playing goal will be evaluated as follows:

- Up to half-time (U12): evaluated as skaters for all sessions
- Up to half-time (U14-U19): evaluated as skaters for timed skating./skills and as goalies for scrimmages
- Half-time or more (U12-U19): evaluated as goalies for all sessions

5.6 Timekeepers and Evaluators

- 5.6.1 There should be at least three evaluators at each ice time, preferably with expertise in different areas (offense, defense, and goaltending).
- 5.6.2 Evaluators must have playing and/or ringette coaching experience.
- 5.6.3 Timekeepers must be age 18 and older. Evaluators must be age 18 and older to evaluate in U10-U16; 21 and older to evaluate in U19. Evaluators/timekeepers must reach the minimum age by December 31st of the current season.
- 5.6.4 Timekeepers and evaluators (and instructors) will be paid per ice time at a rate determined by SRA.
- 5.6.5 Evaluators are not permitted to disclose their ratings to players, coaches or parents/relatives.
- 5.6.6 Coaches and parents/relatives are not permitted to be timekeepers or evaluators; in any age division(s) which contain players they are associated with.