



## **CALGARY AA RINGETTE: Evaluations Process Summary**

To view our full Calgary AA Policies and Procedures, please visit our website: <http://aaringettecalgary.ca>, under About or Info and Forms.

Below is a summary of Calgary AA Policies and Procedures relevant to Calgary AA Ringette Fall Evaluations:

1. Calgary AA Ringette is a non-profit society, officially named as AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013). We are an association under Ringette Calgary and are subject to Ringette Calgary's by-laws and regulations.
2. For the 2017/18 season, Calgary AA has approval to form the following teams:
  - U14 – 3 teams of 15 skaters and one goalie each
  - U16 – 3 teams of 13 skaters and one goalie each
  - U19 – 2 teams of 13 skaters and one goalie each
3. Calgary AA is a very competitive level of ringette. Players are expected to be physically fit, have a very competitive drive, and be committed to playing at a high level. Besides improving ringette skills, players will participate in professional fitness training; learn how to set goals and handle the stress of competition through mental training; and engage in proper sports nutrition. Significant time and financial commitment is required of the player and her family; team fundraising initiatives will be undertaken to help cover costs. During evaluations, coaches and coordinators will outline these obligations, in order to help the player and her family make an informed decision as to whether they are able to make the necessary commitment to AA Ringette.
4. All players registered for evaluations shall receive a minimum of three (3) ice times to show their ringette skills, commitment and ability to improve. First selections are made after the third ice time (first round), and the final draft takes place after the sixth ice time (final round). The names of the players selected to continue evaluations after the first round, and those drafted to the team after the final round, will be posted on the Calgary AA website: <http://aaringettecalgary.ca>.

If only one team is being formed in an age group, once the requirement of three (3) ice times has been met, it is up to the coaches to decide how many more ice times are needed before a final draft takes place.

5. Players participate in drills and scrimmages, and are given equal opportunity to demonstrate their skills in skating, ring control, ringette sense, knowledge of the game, competitive drive and sportsmanship. Coaches can also take into account other factors, such as self-discipline, dedication, willingness to learn, attitude and compatibility with others. Returning players are not guaranteed selection, as every player must earn her place on a team.
6. If a player misses evaluations because of illness, injury or family emergency, but still wishes to be eligible for selection, a committee consisting of the AA President, Division Coordinators and Head Coach shall decide whether this player is eligible for selection. Absence due to illness or injury requires that a completed Medical Exemption form be submitted prior to the start of evaluations, available on the Calgary AA website: <http://aaringettecalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Calgary-AA-Ringette-Med-Exemption-2016-02.pdf>.
7. After the final ice time, Calgary AA teams are formed by coach selection through a draft process. Each coach has their own evaluators who assist them by providing feedback on players during the evaluation process.
8. Calgary AA will also provide evaluators (independent of the coaches' evaluators) drawn from the National Ringette League (Calgary RATH) and/or experienced ringette coaches. The independent evaluators' feedback may be sought to provide coordinators with information on the players and assist with assessing the suitability of the coaches' daughter/relatives for the AA program.
9. Division Coordinators are available during the evaluations to answer any questions that the coaching staff, parents or players may have during the evaluation process. Their names and contact information are provided by email prior to the start of evaluations. Their responsibilities are to facilitate communication between parents and coaches, to ensure that the evaluation process is fair, and that the draft process is supervised.

