



# FRASER VALLEY RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the beginning of our 2009/2010 Ringette season!

On behalf of our entire association, we welcome you as a returning family or a new family! Ringette is a fabulous sport to play and we are excited to see all the new and returning faces!

The Fraser Valley Ringette Association hosted an open forum last summer prior to the 2008-09 season. The topic was "How we can make the evaluation process better". There were many great ideas, and a number of key suggestions were implemented last year.

Some of these suggestions included:

- More "Game Specific" ice time in the evaluations.
- The head coach was given the option of making a change(s) to the final 3 players selected to play on his/her team.
- The number of teams in each division will not be finalized until the overall caliber of players in the division is determined.
- The recruitment of more experienced evaluators.
- The option for players to choose not to try out for a spot on the more competitive team.

The comments that we received for the evaluation process for the 2008-2009 season were quite positive. At the end of the evaluations the evaluators were asked to make suggestions that could improve the process. As a result of the comments; our evaluation forms have combined some of the competencies to reduce the evaluation forms from six areas of competency to five, with more clarification on each competency to be evaluated.

## **Our evaluation process for the 2009-2010 season is as follows**

Evaluation #1 – Skating Skills

Evaluation #2 – Ringette Skills

Evaluation #3 - Game Situation Skills

*After the 3rd evaluation FVRA may release from the evaluations, players that have secured a spot on the top team to better allow the evaluators to focus on the remaining players.*

Evaluation #4 – Game Situation Skills

Evaluation #5 – Game Situation Skills

The scores will be tallied and used to determine the placement of players into the higher or lower teams within the division. The head coaches of the Tween (U-14) and Junior (U-16) teams may have input on the placement of the final three roster positions for their division. If a player does not wish to be evaluated for the more competitive team, but would still like to skate during evaluations, please inform us when you sign-in and receive your evaluation jersey.

The evaluators for the Novice (U-10) and Petite (U-12) Divisions will be coaches from within the division, with a draft at the end of the evaluation process to determine player placement. The basis for the draft is to create equally balanced teams.

When the evaluations are complete, all players will be contacted with-in 3 days to inform them of team placement.

Please feel free to speak to either myself or the Vice-President (Mike Bellsmith), should you have any questions or need clarification about any segment of the evaluation process.

Thank you for all your support and for placing your child in Ringette, we wish them a full and exciting year of fun, learning, and team spirit!

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