

## TRYOUTS

As we begin another ringette season, we wanted to clarify the process for the evaluation and placement of players on teams in our association.

The tryout process is overseen by Krista Hughes who is our Director of Coaching. She is part of the Team Forming Committee that consists of the President, Vice-President, Director of Player Development, Summer Camp Coordinator Director of Coaching, and Marcela Donoso.

Using PCRA'S philosophy of filling teams from the top down (A/B/C) vs bottom-up (C/B/A) and the numbers of players registered per category, the Committee will decide:

- The number of teams per category
- The level each team will play
- The tryout format and schedule
- The number of players on each team
- The number of coaches needed

For every PCRA division, there is a Category Coordinator whose role it is to coordinate all on-ice and off-ice activities for their category during tryouts. These activities include organizing evaluation sessions, communicating with parents, being a health & safety officer, and recruiting volunteers (including coaches and managers). The Category Coordinators are:

<b><u>Moustique:</u></b>	Tim Miller
<b><u>Novice:</u></b>	Jessica James
<b><u>Atom:</u></b>	Jade Lawsene
<b><u>Benjamin:</u></b>	Ayanna Alleyne
<b><u>Junior:</u></b>	Lori Young
<b><u>Cadette:</u></b>	Marie-France Gauthier
<b><u>Inter:</u></b>	Derek Bell

The Director of Player Development has overseen the selection of our evaluators who have an extensive knowledge of the sport of ringette and have no connection to the category they will be evaluating. Several evaluators will be at each category's evaluation sessions. All players will be evaluated on their skating, individual skills, game sense, and overall effort level and given a score of 1 = below average, 2 = average, 3 = above average for each criterion evaluated.

The overall tryout process is as follows:

- For the first tryout session, players will be grouped based on their spring coaching evaluations. For every subsequent evaluation session, players will be grouped based on their ranking from the previous evaluation session.
- After the second evaluation session, the first cuts will be made. Players will be advised by their category coordinator after each tryout of the date and time of their next evaluation session; this process will continue until the final cut.
- The first weekend of tryouts will be exclusively drills. The second weekend will involve scrimmages and games between teams in our own Association or other Associations.
- Players will be placed at the level A, B or C that best suits their abilities and intensity of play.
- Head coaches with a daughter involved in a category will only be named as the head coach of that team once their daughter has clearly and consistently ranked in the top half of her group. The head coach of every team will be given a say in the final cut of their team.
- Preseason officially begins October 9th, and teams are only considered final once the preseason ends, on October 30th.

We hope this information on the PCRA tryout process has helped clarify how decisions will be made. We are all volunteers and our primary goal is always to make the best decisions we can for our athletes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your category coordinator or members of the Team Forming Committee.

Good Luck & have a great season!