



CHILDREN'S RINGETTE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is the plan for the U10 division next year?**
 - a. *This can be found on our website in our Children's Ringette Guidelines*
 - b. <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Updated-April-2021-Childrens-Ringette-Guidelines.pdf>
2. **Will U10 be able to participate in tournaments?**
 - a. *All of Children's Ringette will have Jamborees for athletes to participate in if they wish to.*
 - b. *Jamboree information can be found in our guidelines:* <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Updated-April-2021-Childrens-Ringette-Guidelines.pdf>
 - c. *Ringette Canada has created a Jamboree Guide:* <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Ringette-Canada-Jamboree-Guide-1.pdf>
3. **Can kids born in 2015 play in the Fun 3 if they are competent via evaluation?**
 - a. *Yes, all athletes will be assessed at the start of the season.*
4. **Will there be changes to games or tournaments for U10 other than cross-ice?**
 - a. *This is dependent on who is hosting the tournament/jamboree.*
 - b. *Children's Ringette Jamborees can still take place within other larger tournaments.*
5. **Will you be creating a Head Coaching manual for this program or specialized certification?**
 - a. *Yes, the CSI clinic has been updated to include Children's Ringette and an updated CSI Coaching Manual is coming.*
6. **What is the recommendation for coaching consistency in Children's Ringette?**
 - a. *Ringette Saskatchewan has updated our Children's Ringette coaching certifications to help improve consistency among coaches.*
 - b. *This information can be found in our Guidelines:* <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Updated-April-2021-Childrens-Ringette-Guidelines.pdf>
7. **Is Canada's Children's Ringette program similar to Finland's?**
 - a. *Yes our program is very similar, Finland's program is more established.*
8. **Are there any future plans to extend small area games to Fun 3?**
 - a. *There are no future plans to extend small area games into Fun 3. Fun 3 is a full-ice transition year.*
9. **Are there any future plans to make changes to U12?**
 - a. *There are no future plans to make changes to the U12 division.*
10. **How long do you expect it to be before we see the success of Children's Ringette?**
 - a. *In the 2021-2022 season success should be seen in Children's Ringette.*
11. **Is there a reasonable way to bring up wins and losses in an appropriate manner?**
 - a. *Scores and standings are not kept at this level, just like many other sports. It will be a transition into wins/losses. This is not the division to focus on wins/losses, there should be a larger focus on having fun and asking athletes if they had fun.*
12. **Can you elaborate on the frequency of player assessments and who should be doing them?**
 - a. *Placement assessments will take place at the start of the season. Mid-point assessments can also be done if the coaches wish to complete them.*
 - b. *Coaches will be completing all evaluations.*

- 13. Any provinces or associations that would be a good resource from a successful implementation standpoint?**
- Ringette BC and Ringette Manitoba have some great resources on their websites.*
- 14. Are all provinces implementing Fun 1, 2, and 3?**
- Yes, but all provinces are on different timelines.*
 - Information can be found on Ringette Canada's website:
<https://www.ringette.ca/programs/childrensringette/>*
- 15. If I am already a CSI coach will I require additional training to be a Children's Ringette coach?**
- Children's Ringette coach requirements are:*
 - CSI trained*
 - Make Ethical Decisions Certified*
 - Respect in Sport*
 - Coach Initiation in Sport*
 - Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check*
 - Can be found in the RAS Children's Ringette Guidelines on our website:
<http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Updated-April-2021-Childrens-Ringette-Guidelines.pdf>*
- 16. Is there going to be instructional practice plans and guides provided to Children's Ringette coaches?**
- Yes, practice plans are currently being created.*
- 17. What is the total number of ice times my child will get in each half of the season?**
- Typically 1-2 45 to 60-minute ice times per week.*
 - This works out to approximately 13-26 ice times per half of the season.*
- 18. Which Children's Ringette levels do you expect will participate in jamborees?**
- Fun 1, 2, and 3 can participate in Jamborees.*
 - Jamborees are optional for athletes at all levels of Children's Ringette*
- 19. Will games in Fun 1 and 2 be played against my team and another team?**
- Yes, Fun 1 and 2 games can be played within your own team (scrimmage during practice) and against other teams of the same level.*
- 20. Will there be goalie camps offered if my 9 year old child is interested in specializing as a goalie?**
- This is determined by the local associations.*
- 21. Who will be evaluating players at the beginning of a season and assigning them to Fun 1, 2, and 3?**
- Coaches will be evaluating players according to the Assessment Forms found on our website*
 - <http://www.ringettesask.com/long-term-athlete-development/childrenringette/>*
- 22. What criteria is used for rating my child in Fun 1, 2, or 3 and is it publicly available?**
- All Assessment Forms can be found on our website: <http://www.ringettesask.com/long-term-athlete-development/childrenringette/>*
 - Fundamentals 1 - <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Fun-1-Assessment-Form.pdf>*
 - Fundamentals 2 - <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/Fun-2-Assessment-Form.pdf>*
 - Fundamentals 3 - <http://www.ringettesask.com/assets/U10-Assesment-Form.pdf>*
- 23. Clarification on goalie specialization**
- If an athlete wants to play goalie more often, allow them to but encourage them to try other positions as well.*

- b. *It is often confused between “no early specialization” (in a particular sport) vs position specialization in ringette vs goaltender specialization vs the rest. It is okay to specialize in goal years before it would be acceptable for players to specialize in forward, centre, or defense.*
- c. *When an athlete is not playing goal, this does not mean they must play another position. If they do not want to play forward, defense, or centre, they do not have to.*
- d. *Athletes that absolutely do not want to play goal should not be forced to. However, their refusal is often rooted in the fear of failure which comes from the emphasis being put on the outcome of games involving children. The reduced-size nets help to give athletes a chance, and not keep score helps to take the emphasis off the outcome.*
- e. *Generally speaking, in Fun 1 and 2, all athletes should be rotated through all positions.*
- f. *Generally speaking, in Fun 3, an athlete may be a full-time goaltender but:*
 - i. *All athletes who are interested in playing goalie must be given the opportunity in practice and at games*
 - ii. *No athlete plays more than 50% of the games in goal so others have the opportunity to play and develop their interest in the position*
- g. *Above all, short term performance goals (winning now) needs to take a back seat to long term development objectives. For goalies, this means not being too worried about winning in Fundamentals 1/2/3 and U12 so that teams are viable, because they have a goalie, in subsequent years.*
- h. *Ringette Alberta has created a great resource on Goaltender Development:
<https://ringettealberta.com/goaltender-development/>*