



## 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games Information

Ringette at the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games (SWG) is taking place February 15-18, 2026 in Meadow Lake. Ringette will send up to 6 teams (3 North-based teams and 3 South-based teams) of 16 athletes and 4 team staff, to a total of 96 athletes and 24 team staff.

### Eligibility

#### Athletes

- Number of Competitors: maximum of 16 athletes per team and a maximum of 6 teams total.
- Athletes born in 2010 or 2011 (U16).
- All Athletes must be registered with Ringette Saskatchewan and be a member in good standing.
- SWG Athlete Eligibility can be found in the [Technical Package](#).

#### Team Staff (Coaches & Managers)

- Coaches & Managers per team: 4 per team. 3 coaches and 1 manager OR 4 coaches.
  - Team Managers are not permitted on the ice or bench during games or practices.
- All teams must have a minimum of 1 fully qualified female coach (18 years or older).
- All teams must have a minimum of 1 team staff member with a valid certification from a recognized First Aid program or active employment in a recognized healthcare profession. More info can be found in [Ringette Saskatchewan's Team Staff Policy](#).
- All Coaches must be NCCP Competition Introduction (CI) certified by December 31, 2025.
- All Coaches must be Make Ethical Decisions Certified by December 31, 2025.
- All Coaches must complete Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders by December 31, 2025.
- All Team Managers must complete Ringette Canada's Manager Training Program by December 31, 2025.
- All Coaches and Team Managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.
- All Coaches and Team Managers must be registered with Ringette Saskatchewan and be a member in good standing.

#### Officials

- Major Officials: 2 on-ice officials per game, supplied by Ringette Saskatchewan.
- Minor Officials: minimum of 3 minor officials – 1 shot clock operator (supplied by Ringette Saskatchewan), 1 timekeeper, and 1 scorekeeper.
- All major officials must be registered with Ringette Saskatchewan and be a member in good standing.

## Evaluations & Team Formation

- Ringette Saskatchewan will be hosting evaluation weekend camps in the Saskatoon and Regina areas in October.
- Formal evaluation registration will be open in late summer once evaluation weekends are confirmed.
- Athletes can expect 3 ice times throughout the evaluation weekend along with off-ice activities such as (but not limited to) sport medicine and science sessions, fitness sessions, and team-building activities.
- Best efforts will be made to avoid league and tournament conflicts for athletes.
- All athletes will be placed on a team through a draft. Independent evaluators will agree to an athlete value for each athlete before the drafts begin.
- North and South Team Staff will participate in a draft in their area, and the order of draft picks will be determined by random draw.
- The goal of team formation is to create as evenly matched teams as possible for meaningful competition.

## Fees

- Participating in the Saskatchewan Games carries a fee for athletes only (coaches, managers, officials, and volunteers do not pay a fee). This fee is applied to the costs associated with the Games, including your ceremonial walkout uniform, meals during the Games, and transportation to and from Flying Dust First Nation/Meadow Lake.
- Athletes and families can expect an evaluation camp fee of approximately \$30-50.
- Athletes and families can expect additional team fees of approximately \$500-600
  - This fee will cover the costs of (but not limited to) team jerseys, practice ice and the SWG participant fee mentioned above.
- Team fundraising can be done at the team's discretion.

## Training

- Once teams are formed, they are encouraged to have a virtual or in-person meeting(s) to get to know each other and begin making team plans.
- Teams are permitted up to 4 on-ice practices between the draft and SWG.

## The Games

### Competition

- 6 team competition following the [Ringette Saskatchewan Provincial Championships Policy](#)
- All teams will be put in a random draw to determine a team number of 1-6. Each team will play four (4) round-robin games:
  - Team 1 versus 2, 4, 5 & 6
  - Team 2 versus 1, 3, 4 & 6

- Team 3 versus 2, 4, 5 & 6
- Team 4 versus 1, 2, 3 & 5
- Team 5 versus 1, 3, 4 & 6
- Team 6 versus 1, 2, 3 & 5
- Playoff format: following round-robin play, teams will be ranked 1-6 based on points and the tie-breaker procedure.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place and 6<sup>th</sup> place will play a consolation final game.
  - Semi-finals will be 1<sup>st</sup> place versus 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place versus 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  - Winners of the semi-finals will advance to the Gold Medal Game and defeated teams will advance to the Bronze Medal Game.
- Sport Scoring
  - Teams will receive three (3) points for a regulation win and zero (0) points for a regulation loss.
  - If a game requires overtime (OT), teams will receive two (2) points for an OT win and one (1) point for an OT loss.
  - The team with the most points after round-robin play will be declared the 1<sup>st</sup> place team, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is the team having the second highest number of points, etc.
- Tie-breaking in standings procedure can be found in [Ringette Saskatchewan's Provincial Championships Policy](#)

### **Travel, Accommodations & Meals**

- Each participant will receive transportation to and from Flying Dust First Nation/Meadow Lake from a central community within their District via chartered bus. More details about external transportation, including dates, times, and drop-off/pick-up locations, will be distributed to all participants by their District Team once the final roster for each team is named in early 2026.
- All athletes, coaches, and managers will be housed in the Athletes' Village (location TBA). Meals will be served at the Athletes' Village, and grazing items will also be available for participants. Boxed meals will be available for participants who are competing during mealtimes.

Additional questions or concerns can be directed to **Ringette Sask Technical Director, Carrie** at [technicaldirector@ringettesask.com](mailto:technicaldirector@ringettesask.com)