



2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games Athlete & Coach Registration 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.

Athletes and coaches will be a member of their North or South based team as well as their Local District team (saskgames.ca/district-teams). Athletes and coaches will represent their Local District at Opening Ceremonies and receive Local District team walkout uniforms through Saskatchewan Games. During the tournament, athletes and coaches will represent their North or South based team.

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).
- **AA, A, and B level athletes are eligible to participate at the 2026 SWG.**
- 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.

Evaluations & Team Formation

North (Saskatoon & Area) Evaluation Camp

- October 25 & 26, 2025
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
- Ice times:
 - October 25 – 2:00-3:00pm
 - October 26 – 2:30-3:30pm
 - October 26 – 5:15-6:15pm
- Additional activities such as sport medicine and science sessions, fitness sessions, and team building sessions will also be included.

South (Regina & Area) Evaluation Camp

- October 18 & 19, 2025
- Emerald Park Communiskate
- Ice times:
 - October 18 – 11:15am-12:15pm
 - October 18 – 7:00-8:00pm
 - October 19 – 3:30-4:30pm
- Additional activities such as sport medicine and science sessions, fitness sessions, and team building sessions will also be included.

Team Formation

- 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, accommodations and meals during the Games, and transportation to and from Flying Dust First Nation/Meadow Lake.
- **Evaluation camp fee is \$50** payable to Ringette Saskatchewan.
- **Additional team fees are \$450** payable to Ringette Saskatchewan.

- This fee will cover the costs of team jerseys, practice ice and the SWG athlete fee mentioned above.
- Any additional team clothing or team events will be planned and funded solely by each individual team.
 - Additional team clothing or team events are not mandatory.
- 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.
- On-ice practices are to be planned and booked by each team. Ringette Saskatchewan will reimburse teams for practice ice costs.

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.
 - 5th place and 6th place will play a consolation final game.
 - Semi-finals will be 1st place versus 4th place and 2nd place versus 3rd 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 1st place team, the 2nd 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Does the winning team from SWG go on to represent Saskatchewan at CWG?
 - No, Saskatchewan Winter Games and Canada Winter Games are separate programs.
- What if there is not enough interest for a 6 team tournament?
 - The maximum number of teams for SWG is 6. If less teams can be formed, the tournament will format will be changed in accordance with the Ringette Saskatchewan Provincial Championships Policy.
- Can SWG coaches also coach in their local associations?
 - Yes, SWG coaches are permitted to also coach in their local association.
- Will practices be given or are teams required to find their own ice times?
 - Teams will be required to book their own practice ice times. Ringette Saskatchewan will reimburse teams for practice ice costs.
- What are the Games accommodations?
 - All athletes, coaches, and managers will be housed in the Athletes' Village - location TBA.
- Do you have to be registered with Ringette Saskatchewan or a local association?
 - Yes, all athletes, team staff, and officials are required to be registered with Ringette Saskatchewan. Any athletes, team staff, or officials already registered with a local association (BPRA, RRA, or SRA) for the 2025-26 season are registered with Ringette Saskatchewan.

Additional Saskatchewan Games Council Frequently Asked Questions - <https://saskgames.ca/winter/faqs>

Additional questions can be directed to
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