

Canadian Ringette Championships Policy

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PARTICIPATION

The winner of the Provincial AA Championships each season will earn the right to represent Saskatchewan at the Canadian Ringette Championships (CRCs). Presently, the Canadian Ringette Championships are held for the U16, U19, and National Ringette League (NRL) divisions.

When there are two (2) or more AA teams registered in a particular division, these teams must compete at the Provincial Championships for the right to attend the CRCs as the Saskatchewan representative. When there is only one (1) registered AA team in a particular division, that team will automatically be declared the provincial representative at the CRCs.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY & PLAYER PICK-UP PROCEDURES

U16AA Division

- The U16AA representative(s) must declare their final roster to Ringette Canada by January 30th via RAMP.
- In accordance with Ringette Canada rules, all teams participating in the CRCs can have no less than 7 and no more than 18 athletes on the bench at any time. Maximum roster size is 22 athletes.
- Player pick-ups must be included on the January 30th roster. No player pick-ups will be added after this date in accordance with Ringette Canada policy.
- Eligible player pick-ups for the U16AA representative include:
 - All players registered in the U16AA division
 - All A or B players that meet the U16 age division requirements, regardless of what division they are registered in.

Players added to the roster:

- May not have appeared on the roster of another team selected to attend the CRCs as of January 30th.
- May only replace a player who was active and duly registered with the team between the registration deadline in the teams' province and the Canadian Ringette Championships.
- May not replace a player with alternate (or equivalent) designation during the regular season, in the case where PSO rules of this nature apply.
- Must be registered with the same local association as the team competing in the Canadian Ringette Championships

U19AA Division

- The U19AA representative(s) must declare their final roster to Ringette Canada by January 30th via RAMP.
- In accordance with Ringette Canada rules, all teams participating in the CRCs can have no less than 7 and no more than 18 athletes on the bench at any time. Maximum roster size is 22 athletes.
- Player pick-ups must be included on the January 30th roster. No player pick-ups will be added after this date in accordance with Ringette Canada policy.

- Eligible player pick-ups for the U19AA representative include:
 - All players registered in the U19AA division
 - All A or B players that meet the U19 age division requirements, regardless of what division they are registered in.

Players added to the roster:

- May not have appeared on the roster of another team selected to attend the CRC as of January 30th.
- May only replace a player who was active and duly registered with the team between the registration deadline in the teams' province and the Canadian Ringette Championships.
- May not replace a player with alternate (or equivalent) designation during the regular season, in the case where PSO rules of this nature apply.
- Must be registered with the same local association as the team competing in the Canadian Ringette Championships.

National Ringette League

All teams participating in the NRL Championship division at the CRCs shall compete with their roster as per the NRL Operations Manual. No individual(s) under the age of 16 may be on the bench during the NRL Championship.

TEAM ROSTER ALTERATIONS

As per Ringette Canada's Competition Policy, point 39:

Alterations to the team roster after the roster deadline shall be made only in the case of injury (with medical documentation indicating that the athlete is not medically fit to participate) and players may only be added to the roster if another has been removed due to medical reasons.

Process for roster changes will be outlined in the Ringette Canada CRCs Technical Packages.

ENTRY FEES & TEAM ROSTERS

Entry fees for all teams participating in the CRCs must be paid to Ringette Canada by December 15th of the current season. Ringette Saskatchewan will pay these fees on behalf of all Saskatchewan teams, but the teams not attending the CRCs as the Team Saskatchewan representative will be invoiced back the entry fee cost after the Provincial Championships.

Once all Saskatchewan representatives are determined, Ringette Saskatchewan will submit team rosters to Ringette Canada within seven (7) days upon completion of the Provincial AA Championship. All teams participating in the CRCs can have no less than 7 and no more than 18 athletes on the bench at any time. Maximum roster size is 22 athletes.

TEAM STAFF

All team staff must be fully registered and in good standing with Ringette Saskatchewan and Ringette Canada. All team staff must have the minimum certification requirement for their position by December 31st of the current playing season. Failure to do either of the above by the December 31st team roster submission deadline will result in disqualification of that team staff member.

U16AA & U19AA Divisions

Teams are allowed up to a maximum of five (5) team staff on the bench, in accordance with Ringette Canada policy. Team bench staff positions shall include and be limited to those of coach, assistant coach, and trainer. Team support staff position shall include and be limited to that of manager. Team support staff will not be allowed on the bench for games at the CRCs. Team bench staff must include a minimum of one (1) coach (plus one (1) certified female coach if the coach is male). Team (bench and support) staff maximum include one (1) team manager and one (1) trainer. No member of the team staff may be listed on the Official Game Report as an athlete. Individuals may be registered as a team staff member on more than one (1) team provided that teams come from the same provinces and are in different age categories.

Only team staff listed on the roster submitted to Ringette Canada by January 31st will be eligible to participate in the CRCs. No additions can be made after this date.

The minimum certification requirement for each team staff position shall be as follows:

- Coach/Assistant Coach requirements as defined in Ringette Canada's Coach Certification Policy
- Manager Successful completion of Ringette Canada Manager's Certification Program
- Trainer current certification in one or more of the following:
 - o Medical doctor/medical student
 - Registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN)
 - o Firefighter
 - o Athletic therapist, physical therapist, or sport first responder
 - o EMT
 - Equivalency for any certified standard first aid course (such as St. John Ambulance or Red Cross), which includes the following content:
 - Principle of First Aid and Safety
 - Artificial Respiration
 - Wounds and Bleeding
 - Shock, Unconsciousness and Fainting
 - Fractures
 - Head and Spinal Injuries
 - Joint Injuries
 - Medical Conditions (Diabetes, Asthma, etc.)

National Ringette League

All team staff for the NRL Championships must be fully certified with Ringette Canada as outlined in the NRL Season Handbook for the current playing season.

Teams are allowed up to a maximum of five (5) team staff on the bench. Team bench staff positions shall include and be limited to those of coach, assistant coach, and trainer. Team support staff position shall include and be limited to that of general manager, manager, and media rep. Team support staff will not be allowed on the bench for games at the CRCs. Team staff must include a minimum of one (1) coach and may include a maximum of one (1) manager and one (1) trainer. No player of the team may be listed on the Official Game Report as a coach. Individuals may be registered as a team staff member on more than one (1) team provided that teams come from the same provinces and are in different age categories.

The minimum certification requirement for each team staff position shall be as follows:

- Coach/Assistant Coach requirements as defined in the NRL Handbook and Ringette Canada's <u>Coach</u> <u>Certification Policy</u>
- Manager Successful completion of Ringette Canada Manager's Certification Program
- Trainer current certification in one or more of the following:
 - Medical doctor/medical student
 - o Registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN)
 - o Firefighter
 - o Athletic therapist, physical therapist, or sport first responder
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TRANSPORTATION

All transportation will be the team's responsibility. Ringette Saskatchewan does not handle transportation bookings.

ACCOMMODATION

Teams are required to work with the CRCs Host Committee to pre-book hotel rooms. Once the representatives are known, the Committee will confirm the exact number of rooms required. The payment for these rooms will be the responsibility of each team.

UNIFORMS

Provincial Champion representative teams will be required to purchase Team Saskatchewan jerseys and jackets.

CONDUCT

The use of alcohol or drugs that are in contravention of the Criminal Code of Canada, are strictly prohibited while in attendance at any training or competition functions. Malicious damage to accommodation, competition sites, transportation vehicles or any other personnel misconduct causing harassment to participants or spectators will not be tolerated. In all cases, damage to property will be the responsibility of the individual at fault (in the case of minors it will be the responsibility of the team.) Any misconduct of the nature mentioned above may result in:

- Sanctions pursuant to Ringette Saskatchewan's <u>Discipline and Complaints Policy</u>
- Further suspension by Ringette Saskatchewan
- Prosecution by law

The use of banned substances as specified by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport are also prohibited.