



Memo

To: RAS Member Association Boards & RAS Membership

From: Ringette Saskatchewan, Executive Director

Date: December 6th, 2019

RE: Children's Ringette Mandate

Please be advised that the Ringette Saskatchewan's Board of Directors, at their November Board of Directors meeting has mandated Children's Ringette for all participants at the U9 level and below for the 2020/21 season. This mandate was implemented based on the recommendation from Ringette Canada that all participants in the FUNdamentals stage of development should be playing on small-area games.

Ringette Saskatchewan along with Ringette Canada is dedicated to making ringette fun for all participants and big part of delivering that is ensuring the programming is age appropriate. The Children's Ringette initiative represents a concerted effort to make adjustments to ringette practices and competitions to meet the needs of children. It is about promoting a fun, safe and healthy environment that supports the development of physical literacy and the long-term development of all players.

This mandate is supported with the creation of Children's Ringette Guidelines which provides recommendations regarding ice size, number of participants on the ice, equipment size, coaching and officiating standards, etc. Ringette Saskatchewan is in the process of developing a working group to review this framework with potentially making adaptations to reflect the realities of our Member Associations.

Please visit Ringette Saskatchewan's website to review other Children Ringette specific programming resources, frequently asked questions, and benefits to small-area games.

<http://www.ringettesask.com/long-term-athlete-development/childrenringette/>

We're looking forward to working with our members over the course of this season to reflect the new positive changes.